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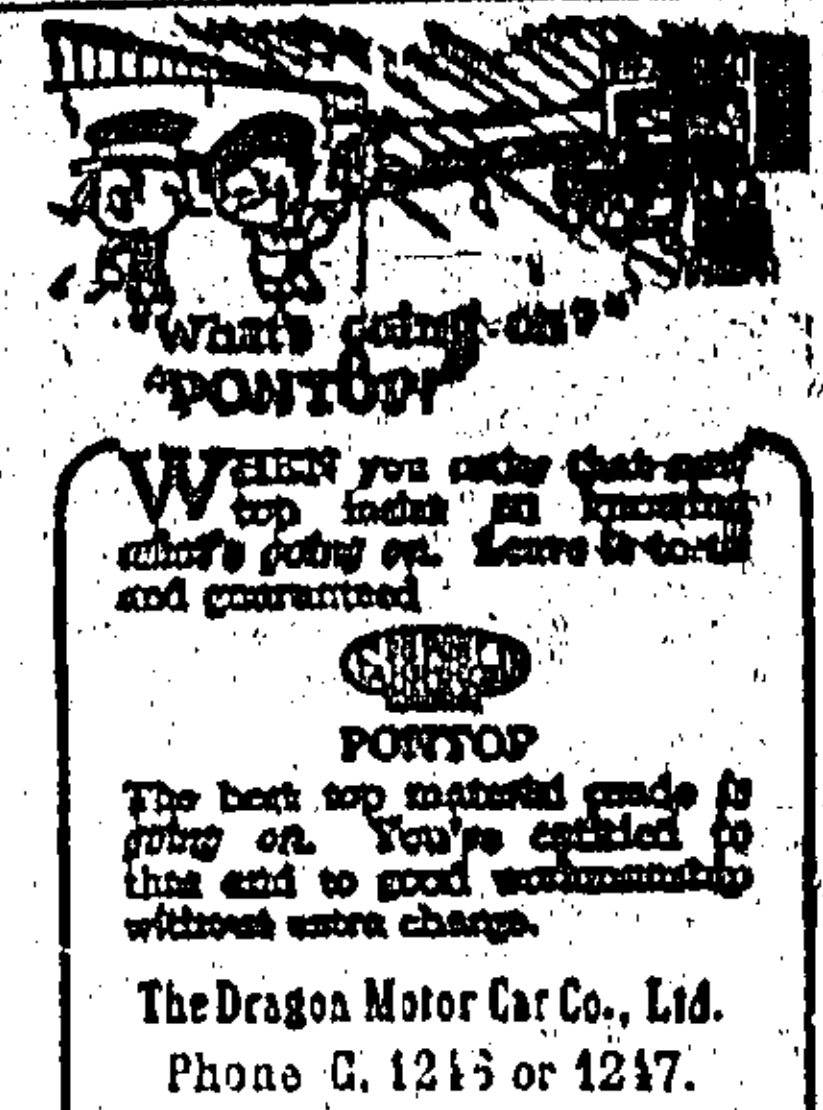
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SOUTH OPENS NEW OFFENSIVE.

CONSOLIDATES PUKOW GAINS.

NORTH BANK OF YANGTZE OCCUPIED.

SPREAD OF PANIC IN HANKOW AMONG OFFICIALS.

A SET-BACK FOR CANTON.

Further news amplifying that received yesterday regarding the fall of Pukow, states that the Northerners made an orderly evacuation and offered no material resistance. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's forces are consolidating their position in the vicinity, large numbers having crossed to the North bank of the Yangtze, about 10 miles above Nanking.

From the Chinkiang region it is reported that the Southerners are preparing for another offensive, troop movements proceeding on a fairly big scale. There has been intermittent firing between the contending forces.

There is a further report from Hankow regarding the increase of tension and the spreading of the panic among the Chinese. The official classes have already begun to send away their families, besides making preparations themselves to take refuge in the foreign concessions.

The "Reds" in the North River district of Kwangtung are putting up a determined resistance and a Canton message states that the Kwangsi contingent which is under the anti-Red command has suffered a set-back at Lokchong.

BRITISH CHINA TRADE PROBLEMS.

Nanking, May 16. The report that the Southerners had captured Pukow has been confirmed. Information to hand makes it clear that the Northerners made an orderly evacuation without offering any material resistance.

Large numbers of Nationalist troops are being landed on the North bank about ten miles above Nanking the transport across river being covered by a Chinese cruiser.

Marshal Chang Tsung-chang's troops have retired to a point a few miles from Pukow taking with them their entire rolling stock and baggage. They have been shelling Pukow all day, and a Southern armoured train was hit and put out of action. The Southerners are consolidating their position before continuing with the offensive.—*Naval Wireless.*

ANOTHER OFFENSIVE.

Big Troop Movements.

Chinkiang, May 16. The Southerners are believed to be opening their offensive in this region. The guns of Hsuey and Shan Fort shelled the Northerners on the North bank for a long period yesterday, while from a region a little up river from Chinkiang, intermittent rifle and machine-gun fire was heard all day.

The Southern General, Ho Ying-ying, has commanded all available water transport, and troop movements are proceeding on a fairly big scale.

A British convoy arrived from Shanghai to-day, without being fired at en route.—*Naval Wireless.*

TENSION IN HANKOW.

The Panic Spreading.

Hankow, May 16. The tension in Hankow is increasing daily, and the panic appears to be spreading. Well-to-do people are leaving when able, and the Chinese officials themselves have already begun to send their families away.

It is also known that many of the officials have made arrangements to take refuge in the foreign concessions should the occasion arise.—*Naval Wireless.*

A CANTON SET-BACK?

Kwangsi Repulse Reported.

Canton, May 16. Rumour had it yesterday that the Hunanese troops under Chan

YANGTZE POSITION.

British Trade Cessation.

London, May 16.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. H. W. Looker referred to a Japanese Government commission to investigate the condition of the Japanese communities along the Yangtze, and report how they can be reinstated. He asked whether British proposes to take a similar step. Mr. Looker also asked the policy as regards securing a resumption of British trading at Chinkiang, Nanking, Wuhu, Kiukiang, and Hankow.

Mr. O. Locker Lampson, replying, said that the Government would only adopt similar steps if it found the present sources of information inadequate. He pointed out that the dislocation of trade in the towns mentioned was due to the insecurity of life and property, and a satisfactory resumption of trade could hardly be expected until there was a Chinese authority able to discharge the ordinary functions of government, and protect law-abiding citizens.

Mr. Looker stressed the anxiety of the British in China as regards the prolonged cessation of trade, and Mr. Locker Lampson, replying, said that the Government was fully aware of the facts. All our representatives in China were doing their utmost in this connection.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW'S PLIGHT.

Destruction of Industry.

Shanghai, May 13.

According to a Hankow message received in Shanghai this afternoon, it appears that massacre, confiscation of property, and destruction of industry are the order of the day, also in other localities, and many Chinese civilians are seeking refuge in foreign concessions at Hankow. The number of Chinese who are now staying in the Japanese Concession alone has reached some 2,000, while there are also a number of Chinese refugees in the ex-British Concession. According to the same message, a skirmish took place yesterday at a wharf in Hankow between British bluejackets, who were on their guard at the wharf, and Chinese coolies, which resulted, in one coolie being slightly injured. The incident, however, it adds, did not become serious owing to efforts made by Chinese pickets to check crowds of labourers.

THE SOUTHERN OFFENSIVE

Nanking Armies of 100,000 Men.

The Nanking Government is reported to have mobilized an army of approximately 100,000 men, which it is launching against the Northern commanders, says the *N. C. Daily News*.

In spite of reports sent out from Hankow, the Nanking Government maintains that Marshal Feng Yuxiang is in alliance with Nanking. They also count among their supporters General Yen Hsih-shen, Tuchun of Shansi. Two armies from Canton are said to be marching on Hankow through Kiangsi and Hunan.

Military operations are commencing at this time in all directions, as General Chiang Kai-shek is said to desire the destruction of Hankow and stabilizing of his own Government before the summer sets in.

BELGIAN CONCESSION.

Peking Not Keen to Have.

According to the *N. C. Daily Mail*, there appears to be little eagerness on the part of the Peking Government in "taking back" the Belgian Concession at Tientsin, as offered by the Belgian Government. It has been discovered that the Concession carries a debt of Tls. 150,000, with no assets. The land is owned by a Belgian company. Payment had to be made to the Chinese landowners when the Concession was taken over, and this with the cost of surveys and sundry disbursements makes up the debt. The position recalls that of the municipality of Hamelin Town in Brunswick when the Pied Piper presented his bill.

WAR OFFICE PAPER MISSING.

RAID ON RUSSIAN OFFICES EXPLAINED.

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT

London, May 16.

The House of Commons was crowded and animated at question time, when Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks made a statement as regards the Arcos raid.

He said that information sent to him on May 11 by the Secretary for War satisfied him that a certain official document was or had been in the possession of a person employed in the premises of Arcos, Limited.

The document was inscribed "the property of His Majesty's Government, and not to be circulated to the Press or to anyone not holding an official position in His Majesty's service." It was, in fact, a document of which unauthorised persons were known to be attempting to obtain copies.

Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks immediately communicated with Mr. Baldwin and with the Foreign Secretary, and with their knowledge and con-

FLOOD PICTURES.

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To-morrow's issue of the *Telegraph* will contain a number of pictures of the Mississippi floods. These are the first to reach the Far East, and show very graphically the devastating effects of the waters after they had broken through the levees, as well as the plight of the refugees from the overwhelmed areas.

A map in another part of to-day's issue gives a clear idea of the vast region involved.

sent authorised the police to apply for a warrant under the Official Secrets Act to search the premises of Arcos Limited, who shared the building with the Russian trade delegation.

Document Not Discovered.

The search was carried out in strict conformity with the warrant, and only ended at midnight yesterday. The document in question was not found. (Labourite cheers).

The police had seized certain papers which may bear on the matter, and the examination of these was proceeding. (Conservative cheers).

He hoped to be able to make a full statement on Thursday. He reiterated that he was satisfied that the document is or was in Arcos building.

Mr. L. R. Lumley (Conservative) asked whether the whole Soviet trade delegation enjoyed diplomatic immunity, or only its head.

Mr. G. Locker Lampson replied in the negative, adding that the head of the delegation was the official agent appointed under Article 6 of the Trade Agreement, and the privileges he enjoyed were those prescribed by Articles 4 and 5 of that agreement. He did not enjoy diplomatic immunity.

Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks said that no women were searched in the Arcos raid, but only their handbags.—*Reuter.*

EX-KAISER BARRED.

RE-ENTRY TO GERMANY PREVENTED.

Berlin, May 16.

The ex-Kaiser will be unable to re-enter Germany for at least another two years, for the Reichstag has passed the second reading of a Bill prolonging for two years the protection of the Republic regulations, one article of which forbids the ex-ruler from re-entering German territory without permission of the Government.

The Bill comes up for third reading on May 17 or 18, when the necessary two-third majority is expected, owing to a vote face by the Nationalists, whose unexpected support of the Bill is ascribed to the fact that rejection would probably lead to the resignation of the Government, which they are anxious to avoid.—*Reuter.*

SHOTS AT SHIP.

LUNGSHAN OUTRAGE DETAILS.

SEVERAL NARROW ESCAPES.

It was possible this morning to gather further details of the firing to which the Lungshan was subjected when passing the Whampoa Forts yesterday morning, on her way up to Canton, as reported in our stop press yesterday.

Officers of the ship state that the soldiers were lined up in regular order, some standing, others kneeling, and some lying down, while all were in uniform of various descriptions.

Missiles, picked up on board show that the ammunition used was of varying patterns. Some of the spent bullets were of brass, while others were steel coated .303 missiles. It is fairly evident, from an examination of the scarred paintwork on board, that passengers had a narrow escape.

The officers' cabins are marked by ricocheting bullets, which were deflected by the steel plates.

Full Speed Ordered.

According to the story of the engineers, the first intimation of the firing was the thud of bullets above their heads. Immediately afterwards full speed was rung down, and from this it was known that something untoward had happened. At intervals, the hum and ping of bullets on impact were heard, and as this continued, the Chinese firemen all made for the upper deck. With the vessel's increasing speed the noise of the shooting subsided, and the men were induced to return to duty.

It is further learned that when the firing broke out, all passengers and deck hands crowded to the port side of the vessel, putting the full width of the ship and the steel plated cabins of the saloon deck between them and the attackers.

Deliberate Aim.

The first volley passed over the Lungshan, the shots falling on the far side, but subsequent firing, which was desultory, was obviously aimed at the ship, many of the bullets striking the upper works, but luckily not interfering with the navigation of the vessel.

On the return journey, when the Lungshan was accompanied by H.M.S. Cicada, the soldiers at the fort were observed to be in full view, but the sight of the warship, cleared for action and steering close in to the bank, was sufficient for them, and all repaired to their adjacent quarters without any offensive display, which seemingly had been staged, and might have been carried through but for the presence of the man-of-war.

APPROACH TO INDIAN UNITY.

COMMUNAL HARMONY INDICATED.

Bombay, May 16.

Congress circles are rejoicing at the communal harmony achieved on such a vital point as is revealed by the All-India executive committee of the National Congress, comprising the Swarajists, Responsivists and Mussulmans.

It unanimously passed a resolution in favour, *inter alia*, of a joint electorate, with a reservation of seats on a population basis, with mutual minority safeguards.

It is noteworthy that Mr. Motilal Nehru, Mrs. Naidu, the Ali Dr. Moolji and Dr. Ansari, all supported the resolution, which the Congress members described as the most courageous achievement in five years.—*Reuter.*

LADY ATTACKED.

BEATS OFF CHINESE ASSAULT.

Mrs. H. Coombes, residing at the Government Waterworks, Bungalows on the hillside at Talkoo, was attacked by a Chinese at 8.10 p.m. yesterday, when she was walking up the path that leads towards her house.

The unknown assailant sprang at her from a bush, seized her by the throat and threw her to the ground. He then attempted to strangle her. She put up a stubborn resistance and after a short struggle the Chinese ran away.

Mrs. Coombes reported the matter to the Police.

LABOUR WALKS OUT OF COMMONS.

GUILLOTINE MOTION GOES THROUGH.

TRADES UNIONS BILL DELAY.

London, May 16.

In the House of Commons, the Labourite opposition walked out of the House after Mr. Baldwin had moved a time-table allocating 16 days for the remaining stages of the Trades Unions Bill.

Mr. Clynes described the Government's action as contemptuous and disgraceful, and said the opposition would not be a party to it by sitting in the House during this part of the proceedings. They would leave as a protest against "the Government policy of gag and bullying."

The Ministerialists greeted the exit of the Labourites with laughter. Mr. Lloyd George, in their absence, continued the discussion on Mr. Baldwin's motion. "In consequence of the withdrawal of the Labourites the debate on the motion collapsed, and the House adjourned until tomorrow, within three hours of assembling for the week's work which had been anticipated.

The whole of to-day's sitting was occupied by opposition attempts to amend the guillotine time-table, and it was not arranged to take the Trades Unions Bill to-day, hence the early adjournment.

Protracted Discussion.

Mr. Baldwin, when moving the guillotine motion, said it was necessitated by the fact that after three and a half days for the second reading, and 18 hours in committee, only six amendments had been disposed of, and seven words been passed. Even with the guillotine motion, it was unlikely the session would finish by the end of July, as intended.

He declared that the allocation of time was ample and generous if the House were determined to make a good job of it. (Labourite laughter). If any portion of the House were determined to wreck the Bill, no time would be sufficient. (Ministerial cheers).

Mr. Clynes said that for cool and unexampled audacity, Mr. Baldwin's speech was unequalled, and the best thing the Government could do was to withdraw the Bill and present another expressing their meaning and intention.

Mr. Lloyd George said he did not oppose the guillotine motion as such, but he would vote against the motion because he opposed the Bill.

The motion was carried by 259 to 13, amid Ministerial laughter.—*Reuter.*

INDIAN AGITATOR RELEASED.

OWING TO BEING IN ILL-HEALTH.

Calcutta, May 16.

Mr. Subha Bose, the chief executive officer of the Calcutta Corporation, who was interned in Burma under the Bengal Ordinance Ordinance for his alleged share in a revolutionary conspiracy, has been released in order to undergo treatment for consumption.

The Government was prepared to release him for a long time, provided he went to Switzerland and did not return to India until the Bengal Criminal Amendment Act expires, three years hence, but Mr. Bose declined. He is now free to go unhampered anywhere he may select.—*Reuter.*

U. S. MARINES KILLED.

CLASH WITH NICARAGUAN REBELS.

Managua, May 16.

Captain Buchanan and Private Jackson, of the United States Marines, have been killed in a clash with a band of Liberals near Leon. Six of the Liberals were killed. Several of the U.S. Marines were wounded.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SOUND ASSETS.

LONDON INFLUENCE ON MARKET.

CANTON INSURANCE MEETING.

Commenting on the low rates prevailing in the marine insurance world as the result of London influence, the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, presiding at the annual meeting this morning of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, also pointed out that the Company would shortly be feeling the full effect of the crippling of trade in the Yangtze by the success of the Cantonese armies.

The annual report, Mr. Bernard said, was an indifferent one when compared with those of the past eight years, but owing to the cautious policy of the Company in the past, they were able to maintain the usual dividend.

Also present at the meeting were: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce, H. P. White (directors), F. C. Hall (secretary), Ho Kom-tong, Lo Cheung-shui, Ho Leung, R. A. Dastur, A. H. M. da Silva, J. M. Alves, E. M. Raymond, C. Bernard Brown, P. S. Cassidy, L. S. Greenhill, J. H. Seth, and J. T. Bagram (shareholders).

The notice convening the meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, before commencing the business of this meeting, I wish to record the sorrow of your general agents and consulting committee at the death of the late Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., which occurred on the 27 of May last year. Sir Paul Chater was actively interested in the affairs of this Company as a member of the consulting committee for over 35 years. During that period the benefit of his mature experience was always at our disposal and his death was a great loss to the Company.

The report and accounts having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual procedure of taking them as read.

Indifferent Report.

It is with regret that we have to place before you what must be regarded as an indifferent report when compared with those of the preceding eight years. We have however enjoyed good fortune in our underwriting for some time and should not complain if our efforts do not always meet with the same success. In fact it is difficult times such as these which show shareholders the wisdom of the conservative policy of this Company in paying fair dividends and steadily building up our reserves. Nevertheless the dividend was gradually raised from \$25 per share in 1918 to \$40, which has been paid for the past five years.

We do not think that many officials of marine insurance companies will be found to question the statement that the year 1925, now under review, was one of the worst yet recorded in the annals of marine underwriting. Not only did competition continue to be acute and rates of premium remain totally inadequate for the risks undertaken, but casualties, also, were more than ordinarily severe. In addition to the foregoing, we out here have suffered severely, in what may be described as our "Home Field," by reason of the strikes and general labour unrest that, starting in Canton in June 1925, have now spread to the entire Yangtze Valley, crippling trade in every direction.

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MR. J. OWEN HUGHES
ELECTED.

There was a large gathering at the Chamber of Commerce meeting held at St. Andrew's Hall, City Hall, when Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Chairman) proposed that Mr. J. Owen Hughes be nominated for appointment as the representative of the Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council for four years.

In proposing Mr. Owen Hughes, Mr. Bernard said:—"You did me the honour of nominating me as representative of this Chamber on the Legislative Council nearly a year ago. But on the departure of Mr. H. W. Bird from the Colony, His Excellency, the Governor, invited me to succeed him on the Council as his nominee. This, of course, I was very pleased to do, and it has therefore become necessary for the Chamber to nominate a successor to me as its representative. I may say, however, that this does not imply that the interests of commerce will be overlooked by me in the slightest. (Applause.)

The name of only one candidate is before us to-day, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, proposed by myself, and seconded by Hon. Mr. Hynes. In accordance with the rules of the Chamber voting will be by a show of hands.

Mr. Owen Hughes, gentlemen, has been in the Colony for a great number of years and as you all know is head of Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co. He has served on the General Committee of this Chamber several times and was Chairman in 1924. He has considerable experience in the trade of the Colony and will make an excellent representative of this Chamber on the Council. I now have much pleasure in proposing that Mr. J. Owen Hughes be nominated by this Chamber to serve on the Legislative Council for the usual term of four years. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes seconded the resolution.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. Owen Hughes in a short speech thanked Mr. Bernard for the honour he had done him in proposing him as a representative of the Chamber. He assured every one present that he would do all that lay in his power and the interests of the Chamber would always have his profound attention.

Those Present.

Those present were:—
Mr. Frank Austin, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. B. M. Talati, (Individual Members), Messrs. A. V. Apear & Co. Ltd., (Mr. D. H. Cooper), The Asiatic Petroleum Co. (China) Ltd., (Mr. J. K. Bousfield), Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co. Ltd., (Mr. W. S. Bailey), Messrs. Bradley & Co. Ltd., (Mr. A. Macgowan), The British-American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd., (Mr. A. P. Bungey), Messrs. Butterfield & Swire (Mr. N. S. Brown), The Central Agency Ltd., (Mr. Chas. E. Wallace), Messrs. Deacons (Mr. W. E. L. Shenton), Messrs. Dowell & Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), The Eastern Extension Australasia & China Telegraph Co. Ltd., (Mr. E. A. Leggatt), Messrs. Fung Tang (Mr. Fung Kong Un), Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co. Ltd., (Mr. L. J. Davies), Messrs. Gilman & Co. Ltd., (Mr. C. Blaker), Messrs. T. E. Griffith Ltd., (Mr. P. A. Dixon), The Hongkong & China Gas Co. Ltd., (Mr. G. Murray), The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes), Messrs. J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. P. S. Cassidy), Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., (Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard), The Kailan Mining Administration (Mr. T. G. Weall), Messrs. A. P. Leong Hingkee & Co., (Mr. A.

UNPROVOKED ATTACK.

STEAMER FIRED AT BY
SOLDIERS.

Although there were no casualties amongst the officers, crew or passengers, of the a.s. Lungshan which was fired on yesterday morning there was evidence plenty of the deliberate nature of the unprovoked attack in the marks left on the steel casing on the boat deck where bullets had struck and ricocheted off the metal. These marks were pointed out to a press representative when the Lungshan returned here last night.

It was learned that the shooting occurred just after the steamer had passed Whampoa, and the mounds where the cadets of the Military Academy are known to be quartered. The shooting occurred about seven o'clock in the morning, an hour when there was no question of the regulations governing the times at which ships are permitted to pass Whampoa Forts being violated.

The shooting was done by a large force of soldiers, who could be clearly observed from the steamer taking up a position along the river bank on the starboard side. It was calculated that between sixty and seventy shots were fired from rifles, of which about a dozen struck the steamer.

It was extremely fortunate that at that early hour very few of the passengers were up or astir on the boat deck, otherwise the incident might have had more serious results.

On arrival at Canton the matter was reported to the Shamen authorities, and on her return to Hongkong, later in the day, the Lungshan was escorted as far as Whampoa by H.M.S. Cicada.

At the time of the shooting the Lungshan was followed very closely by one of the Kwong boats which left Hongkong a few minutes after her. It is rumoured that the Kwong boat was also hit, but no definite information as regards this can be obtained until the latter returns here, sometime this afternoon.

It is understood that a protest will be forwarded to the proper Chinese authorities in due course after the affair has received fuller investigation. The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. Soutar, who went up to Canton during the week-end on a short visit, was one of the passengers returning on the Lungshan last night.

COMPANY REPORTS.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO. LTD.

The Accounts of the China Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. for the year ended 31st December, 1926, have been closed, and show a net loss on the year's working of \$29,892.19 after providing for depreciation on the usual scale and payment of interest and all charges. The balance at debit of Profit and Loss a/c will thus stand at \$1,533,788.05 after bringing in the debit of \$1,593,955.86 brought forward from the previous year.

Leong Hingkee), The Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), Messrs. W. R. Loxley & Co., (Mr. D. O. Russell), Messrs. N. S. Moses & Co., (Mr. H. Goldenburg), The Nippon Yusen Kaisha (Mr. Y. Uchida), Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co. (China) Ltd., (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland), Messrs. David Sassoon & Co. Ltd., (Mr. E. Ezra), Messrs. Stewart Bros., (Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin), The Union Insurance Society of Canton Ltd., (Mr. P. Lauder), The Union Trading Co. Ltd., (Mr. S. M. Churn), The Union Waterboat Co. Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), The United Asbestos Oriental Agency Ltd., (Mr. T. G. Weall), Messrs. Harry Wicking & Co., (Mr. J. Owen Hughes).

THE WAR PUZZLE.

HANKOW NATIONALISTS' POSITION.

Hankow, May 7.

Nationalist officials at Hankow state that within three months their forces will be in Peking. Word comes from Peking that within two months the Northern forces will be in Hankow. And the Shanghai division of the Nationalist group states that in the "near future" they will have captured all China. "You pay your money and you take your choice."

However, it appears probable that within three months the Nationalist forces at Hankow will be at Chengchow, Honan, just this side of the Yellow River, on the intersection of the Lunghai Railway.

This is the strategic point which they must capture, else their revolution comes to an ignominious end. Whether from that point they will be able to carry on and capture Peking remains to be seen.

The Crux of the Situation.

Wuhshinkuan Pass, a tunnel on the Peking-Hankow Railway, is naturally the most important point of all upon which the Southerners must maintain their hold. This is in their possession now. They have advanced on the railway half the distance through the province of Honan and they profess to be confident that they will advance the rest of the distance to the edge of the Yellow River.

Crossing the Yellow River, however, presents a far different proposition, and here they may meet their Waterloo. Should this occur, and should they be there defeated, they will follow the Lunghai Railway to Hanchow, the western terminus of the Lunghai Railway, and thence skirt around the southern bank of the Yellow River into the eastern border of Shensi, where they will be covered by the forces of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang.

It is at that time Marshal Feng Yu-shiang finds himself still in sympathy with the Left Wing of the Kuomintang, he may ally himself with them and attempt to stage a "comeback." If at that time the forces against them prove too powerful for them to attack, the plan is for a withdrawal through Shensi Province by way of the Yellow River and on into Inner Mongolia. This course, naturally, would only be adopted in the event of utter defeat.

Hemmed In On All Sides.

At the present moment the Hankow Nationalist faction appears to be rather in a hole, so that in addition to its "advance on Peking" it must prepare for a route of retreat in case that should be necessary. The only logical route for this purpose is that of the Lunghai Railway, through Shensi and into Mongolia (for Outer Mongolia is to-day an entirely Soviet-controlled territory).

In order to safeguard this route of retreat, the capture of Chenxichow, Honan, is essential. For the purpose of achieving the capture of this point, the entire armies—seven divisions, it is reported—have been concentrated upon the Peking-Hankow Railway and are now making their slow advance northward.—Reuter.

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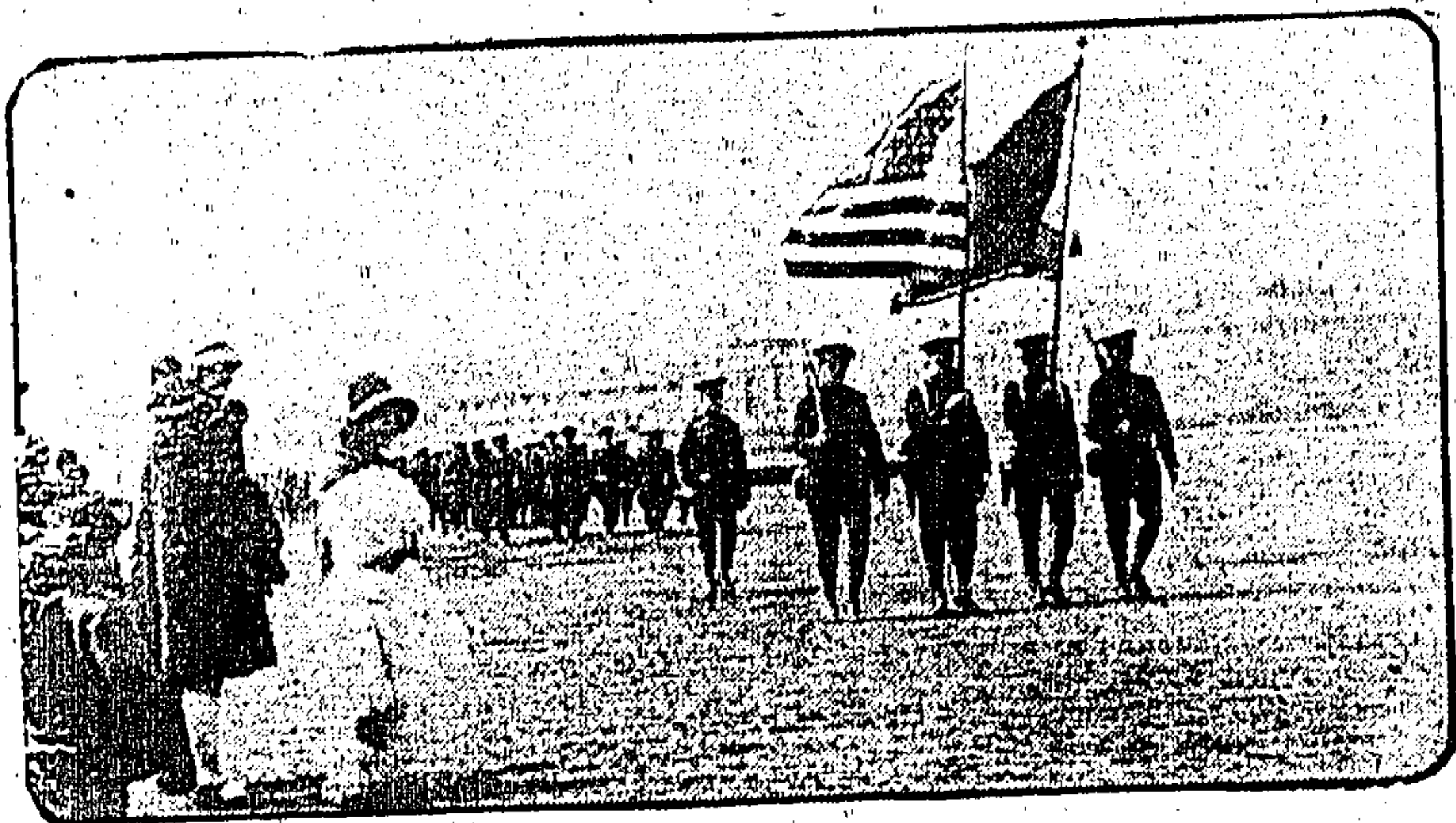
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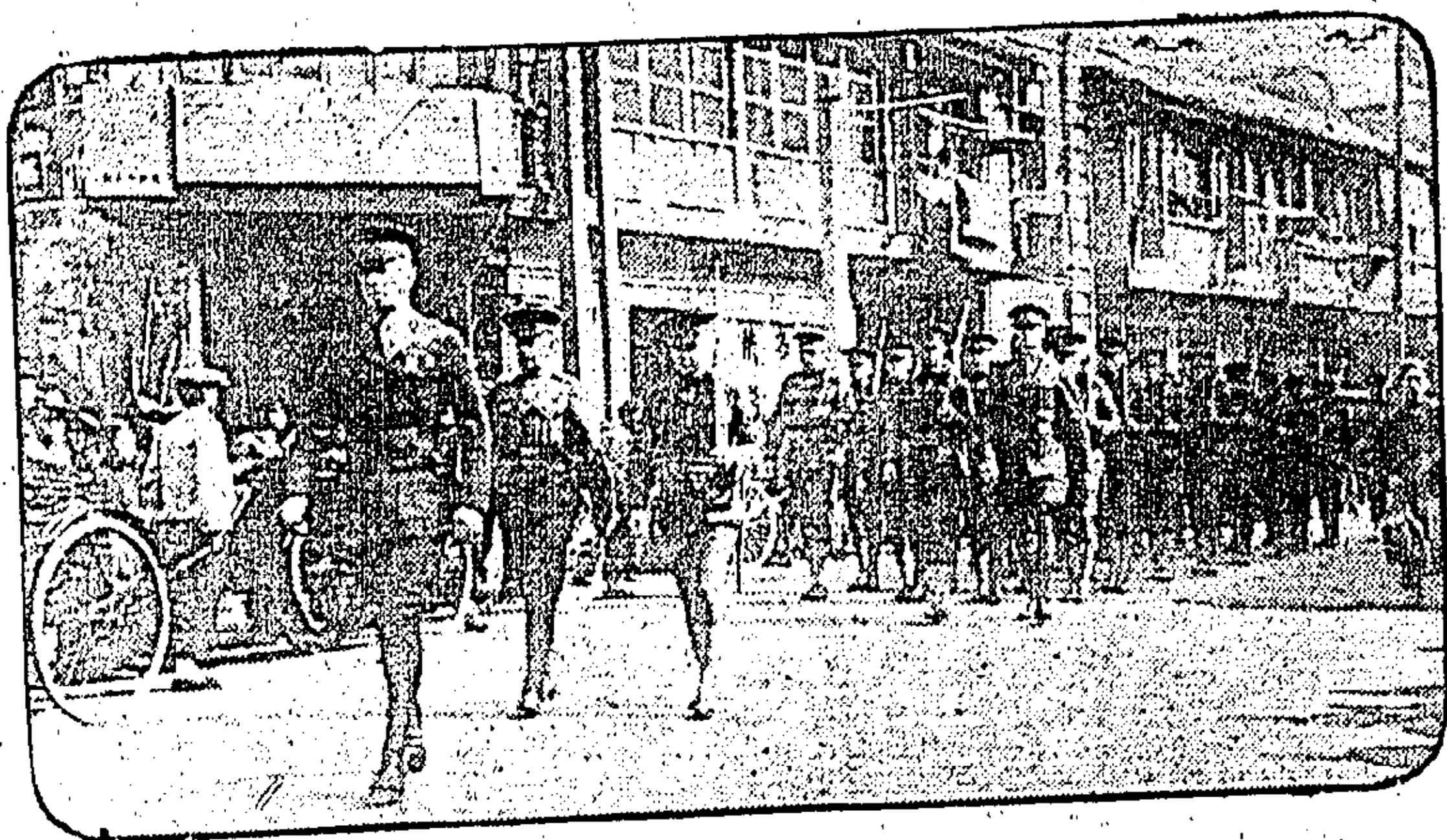
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THE MARINES MARCH PAST.—Across the race course at Shanghai, these United States Marines are led by their colour guard, while Chinese and foreign youngsters take the review. The men landed from American men-of-war lying in the Whangpoo, proceeded through the streets of the Concession and paraded at the race course.



THROUGH THE STREETS.—This shows U. S. Marines who came ashore from the warships and transports, anchored off Shanghai, to parade through the streets of the International Settlement to the race course.



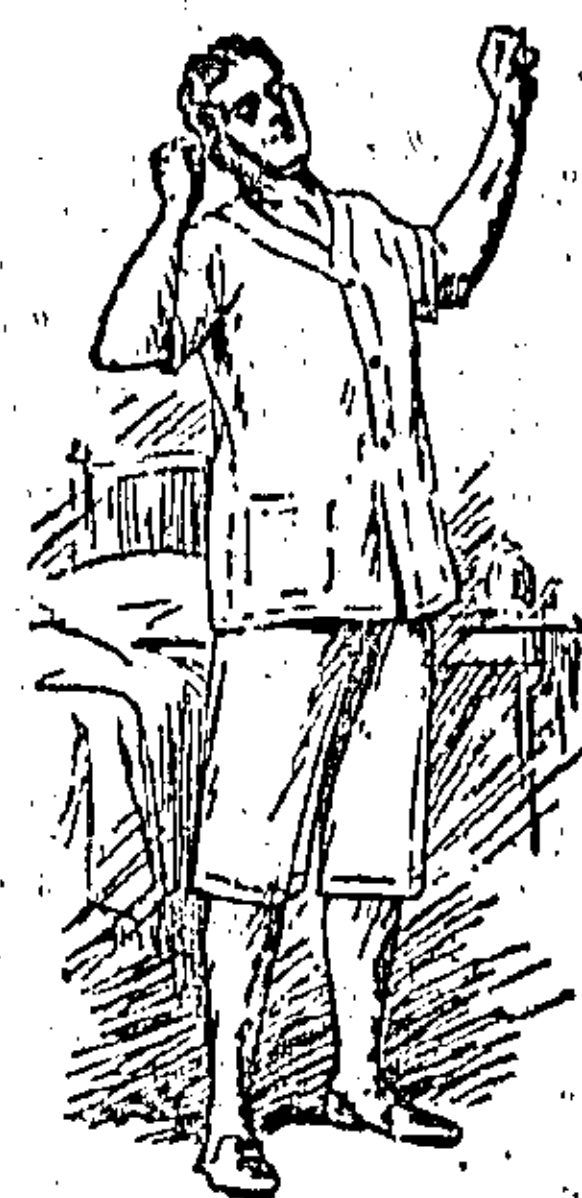
PORTUGAL TO AMERICA.—Tina Ghirardi and her brother, Pucci, have gone to America to popularize the Zamba, an adaptation of the Portuguese national dance, which is said to have gained great favour in Paris. In this picture she is wearing a bracelet and 700-year-old shawl given her by Queen Victoria of Spain in recognition of her dancing skill.

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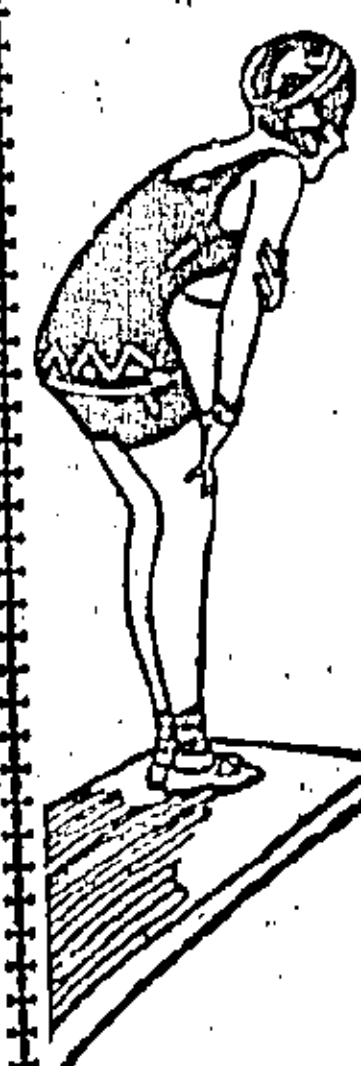


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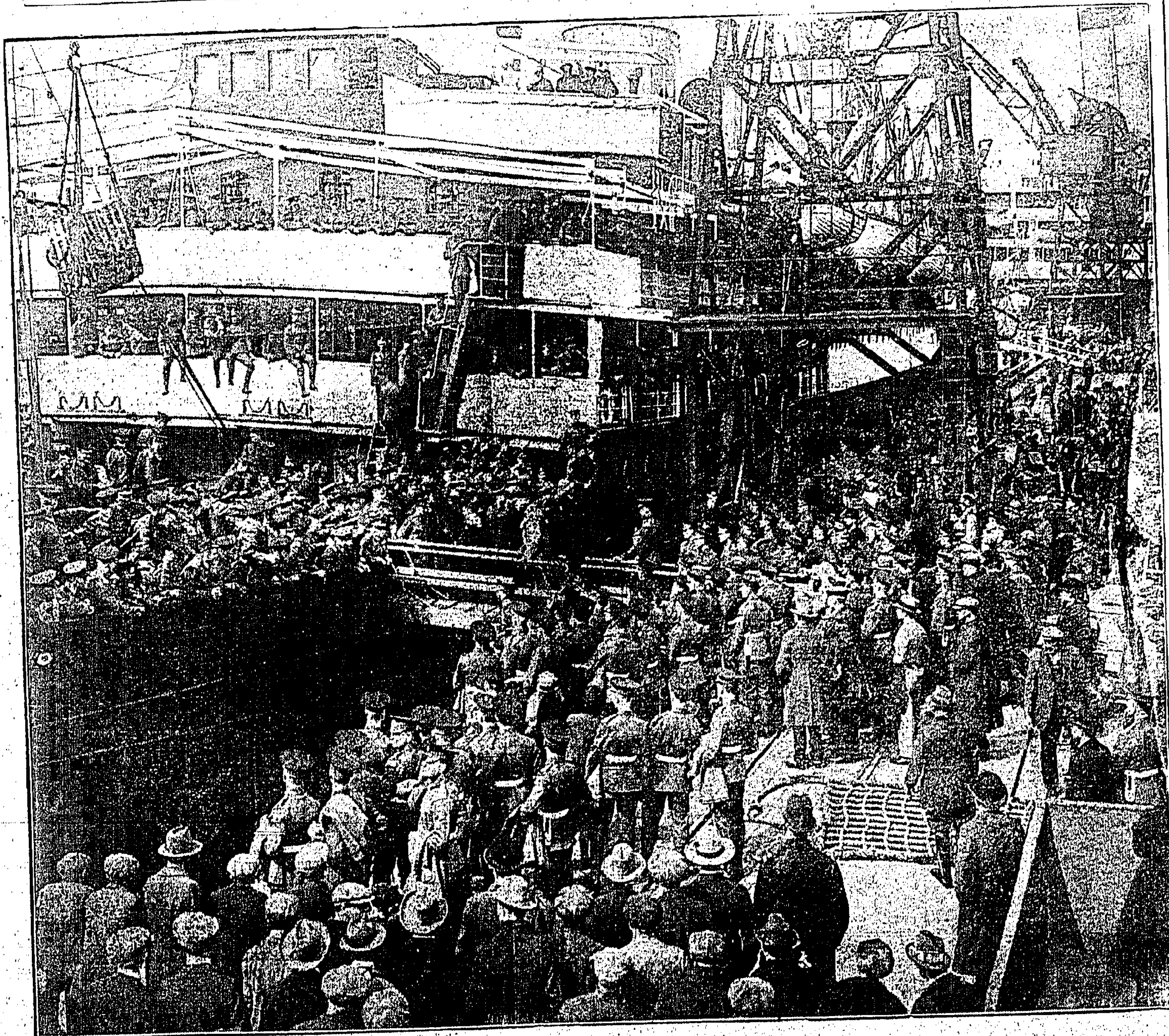
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SCOTS GUARDS AND NORTHAMPTONS SAIL.—This picture shows the quayside at Southampton before the departure of the troopship City of Marseilles for China, with the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards and two companies of the 1st Battalion of the Northamptonshire Regiment, who arrived in Hongkong yesterday. (Times copyright).

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LOST.—On 11th May, Brown Pointer Bitch, "9 Leighton Hill" engraved on collar. Will finder please return to W. Russell, Government Marine Surveyor?

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order,

of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order,

of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order,

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PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DANCE.

"A Dance will be held in the Gymnasium at Police Headquarters on Wednesday, the 18th inst., commencing at 8.30 p.m. All are cordially invited."

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 4th June and Monday, 6th June, 1927, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 1 p.m. on Monday, 23rd May, 1927.

MACAO RACES.

THE INTERNATIONAL RACE AND RECREATION CLUB OF MACAO, LTD.

The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) on Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th May, 1927, commencing at 2.15 p.m.

Entries will close on 18th May, at 8 p.m.

Entry Forms obtainable from the Secretary, Hongkong Jockey Club and Hongkong Jockey Stable.

By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

Macao, 17th May, 1927.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on Tuesday, 7th June, 1927, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 26th May, to 7th June, 1927, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON AND CO., LTD.

General Agents.
Hongkong, 16th May, 1927.

NOTICE.

The University Calendar for 1927 is now available. Copies can be obtained on application to the Registrar. Price \$1.00 a copy.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, on Saturday, the 21st of May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st of December 1926.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 21st of May, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong 6th May, 1927.

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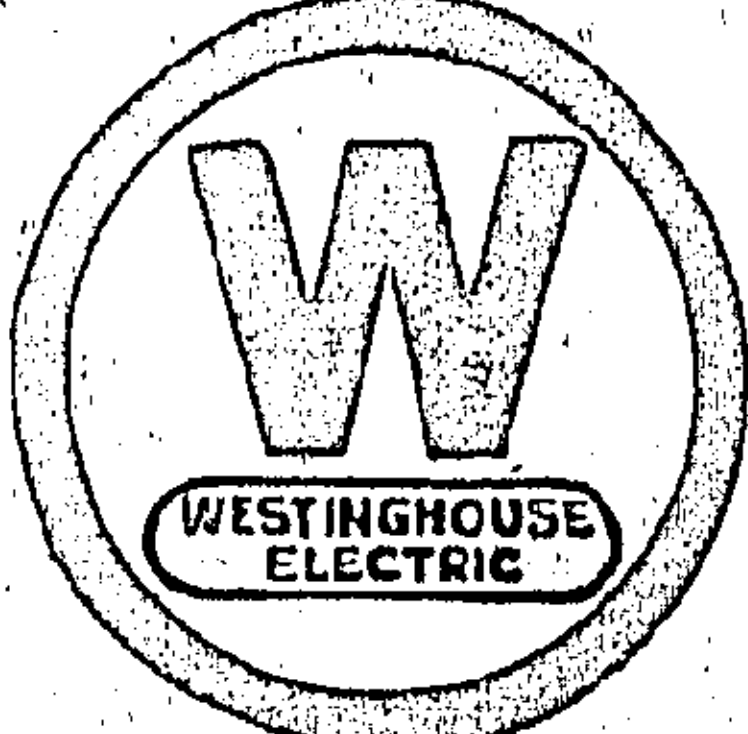
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its office, Prince's Building, Hongkong, on Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, at 4.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st March, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday, 27th May, 1927, to Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order,

of the Board of Directors,
S. K. MOOSA,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1927.



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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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At No. 28, Humphreys Building, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

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Teak Hatstand, Chesterfield Couch and Chairs, Teak Glass Cabinet, Teak Screens, Teak Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirror, Teak Dressing Table, Washstand, Teak Dining Table and Chairs, Bookcases, Carpets, Rugs, Pictures, Ornaments, etc.

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A Few Pieces of Blackwood Furniture.

Catalogues will be issued.

On View from Tuesday, the 17th May, 1927.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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commencing at 2.45 p.m.

at No. 4, Armand Buildings, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

comprising:—

Teak Hatstands, Chesterfield Couch and Chairs, Teak Bookcase, Glass Cabinet, Screens, Carpets, Curtains, Pictures, Ornaments, etc.

Teak Dining Table, Chairs, Ice Chest, Sideboard, Glass ware, Crockery, etc., etc.

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PENANG—SINGAPORE—BATAVIA PROJECT.

A visitor to Singapore on Tuesday last week, arriving by aeroplane from Port Swettenham, the journey taking two and a quarter hours, was Mr. R. C. Kemp, Managing Director of the Air Survey Company, with whom is associated Mr. F. Rayner, both being old air hands, having been flying since 1909.

Mr. Kemp is in Singapore in connexion with concrete proposals to start a definite air service in Malaya, with, it is hoped, extension to the Dutch Indies assuming that due permission can be obtained from the latter. In that case the service would cover Penang, Singapore, Port Swettenham, Belawan and Batavia. It is proposed to form the Company locally in Straits dollars and the commercial houses here have been approached and view the proposal favourably, as does the Government, whilst the Air Ministry will give all the help it can. The Company will be promoted by the Air Survey Company but will be a separate organization probably called Eastern Airways Ltd., and Mr. Kemp will be associated with it, ensuring first class expert control.

Eighteen Passengers.

The idea at present is to provide one big machine of 100 feet span all metal (Duralumin) fitted with three engines developing 1350 h.p. and capable of a speed of at top of 155 m.p.h. This will have accommodation for 18 passengers and a ton of luggage or goods. There will be four other smaller machines of 150 h.p. capable of carrying six passengers each. The machines will be built by Short Brothers, of Rochester, whilst the engines will be the well known Jupiter class turned out by the Bristol air works. The service will be available for passengers, mails and light goods and the time table will be run to meet connections with European mailships. Generally, the idea is a daily service either way between Penang and Singapore, whilst if arrangements are made with the Dutch authorities a twice weekly service each way between Singapore and Batavia and a three weekly service between Singapore and Belawan is proposed.

The projected fares are on as cheap a scale probably as in any service, ranging from \$43 to Port Swettenham, \$82 to Penang, \$117 to Batavia etc., the flying times being roughly about two hours and a half Singapore to Batavia, three hours and three quarters Singapore to Penang etc. But all times and distances are scaled to allow a good margin for deviation if necessary.

Mr. Kemp hopes to secure the co-operation and interest of the recently formed flying club and judging by the general interest which has been shown in the commercial side of the proposition he has hopes of next spring seeing something actually being done.—Singapore Free Press.

BOY'S THEFT.

ORDERED TO BE WHIPPED.

Mrs. Wilson, who lives in the Military Quarters, on Kennedy Road, appeared as complainant this morning before Major C. Willson.

A Chinese youth, who was an assistant to the washerman, entered her room yesterday in order to collect the washing. There was no one in the room at the time and, after collecting the dirty clothing, he had noticed a silver purse with some notes inside lying on a table beside a bed. The youth succumbed to temptation and stole the purse, which was later recovered in the washerman's quarters.

The boy was ordered to receive 12 strokes with the birch.

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No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, May 15, 1927.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

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Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

RADIO TELEGRAMS may now be accepted for Hongkong under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

During the interruption of the Hongkong-Macao cable service the Macao Radio Station will remain open for the exchange of telegrams with Hongkong from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Hongkong Station is always open and messages are accepted at any time throughout the 24 hours.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Radio Telegraph Service between Hongkong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

Parcel Post service between Hongkong and Ports of the Yangtze West of Hankow is temporarily suspended.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Linan	May 17.
Amoy	Santhia	May 18.
Shanghai	Szechuen	May 18.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Hessen	May 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	May 20.
Australia and Manila	Tango Maru	May 20.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers London 21st April)	Kumangsang	May 21.
Japan	Mishima Maru	May 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Athos II	May 24.
Shanghai	Morea	May 27.
Straits	Hakozaki Maru	May 29.
Manila	Empress of Canada	May 30.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Tues., May 17, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues., May 17, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tathing	Tues., May 17, 4 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Lincoln	Tues., May 17.

Parcels	Registration	Letters
Amoy	3 p.m.	4.15 p.m.
Fort Bayard	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Bangkok	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Swatow	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Amoy	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Haiphong	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Bangkok	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Haiphong	5 p.m.	5 p.m.
Batavia	5 p.m.	5 p.m.

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The average span of life of the citizen of New York has doubled since 1800. Infants dying in their first year now number 63 in a thousand instead of 250, as was the case more than a century ago. All major diseases have been so reduced that the average duration of life now is 60 years, where it used to be 30.



Our Portrait is of Mr. E. F. WHEELER, of 22, Regent Street, Baby, Doncaster, England, who writes:—

"About two years ago I had a nasty wound break out in my leg too. I had it attended to for about three months, but during that time it had spread to all the toes, with the result that I had to undergo an operation, but with no avail. Then, after another operation, as it did not get any better, I thought I would give your 'Clarke's Blood Mixture' a trial. After taking the first three bottles I could walk better, and now after having nine bottles the wound has quite healed, and I am pleased to say I have not seen any sign of it breaking out since."

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ANOTHER SHANGHAI SHARE CASE.

REVERSED POSITION OF LITIGANTS.

CLAIM FOR Tls. 4,590.

Two of the litigants in the recent sharebrokers' case, again came before Judge Peter Grain in H.B.M. Supreme Court on Friday morning, but the positions were reversed, Jack Behar, stock and sharebroker, being the plaintiff and Ellis & Co. (represented by Emmanuel E. Ellis, also a member of the Shanghai Stock Exchange) being the defendants.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr. R. N. Macleod of Platt & Co., while Mr. M. Reader Harris of White-Cooper & Co., appeared for the defendants.

Plaintiff's Claim.

The plaintiff, in his Statement of claim, pleads that by contracts in writing dated respectively: November 29, December 2, December 3 and December 14, 1926, defendant agreed to purchase the following shares:—1,200 shares in the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd., at Tls. 9.80; 1,000 shares in the Zianghe Rubber Co., Ltd., at Tls. 1.90; 1,000 shares in the Tanah Merah Rubber Estates, Ltd., at Tls. 1.90; 1,000 shares in the Tanah Merah Rubber Estates, Ltd., at Tls. 1.87½. Defendant also agreed to make payment on delivery of scrip and transfer on March settlement day, 1927. March settlement day was March 29.

On March 26, the defendants instructed the plaintiff to resell, and the plaintiff did resell the 1,000 Zianghe shares at Tls. 9.05 for payment and delivery on the said March settlement day and defendants further instructed plaintiff to resell the 1,000 Tanah Merah shares at Tls. 1.625 and the other 1,000 Tanah Merah shares at Tls. 1.65, all for payment and delivery on March settlement day. These instructions were duly carried out.

On March settlement day the defendants refused to accept delivery of scrip and transfer of the 1,200 shares in the Ewo Cotton Mills, Ltd. and failed to pay for same. Plaintiff accordingly resold the said shares at the market price of Tls. 6.35 per share. The plaintiff therefore declares that he has suffered damage amounting to Tls. 4,590 and claims this amount together with costs.

The Defence.

Defendants, in their defence, plead that if the plaintiff resold the Ewo shares, such sale was not a genuine one and did not take place in the open market and that Tls. 6.35 was not the price of the shares on March settlement day. Defendants further state that the plaintiff is indebted to the defendants in the sum of Hongkong \$161,821.06 being the price of certain shares sold by the defendant to the plaintiff and one H. O. Odell for which sum action has already been commenced and the defendant claims to set off against the plaintiff's claim an equal amount of the said debt due to the defendant.

Mr. Macleod, in outlining the case for the plaintiff said that Mr. Emmanuel E. Ellis (of the defendant firm) wrote a letter to his client on November 30 as follows:—

"As you have severed your connection with Messrs. Odell and Behar, in Hongkong, and commencing business on your own account here, I would like to assist you whenever possible in the way of doing more business. In this connection, I would like to say that whatever business we do together from now onwards either in my own name or in the name of Ellis & Co., is not, in any way to be confused or mixed up with any old outstanding matters of Odell and Behar with myself and I will treat them separately irrespective of any old accounts outstanding."

Continuing, counsel said that if a man having old claims on

BOLD ESCAPE.

PRISONER'S DASH FOR LIBERTY.

A Chinese who was being conveyed in a motor bus in police custody from Aberdeen to the Central Police Station, succeeded in making an escape yesterday.

The man was arrested on a charge of larceny from a house in Aberdeen. Through some means he managed to slip off his handcuffs and once his hands were free he made a bold bid for freedom.

When the bus was nearing the main entrance to the University he sprang up from his seat in the bus and dived through the window.

The bus was immediately stopped and the Chinese detective who was escorting the man got off and gave chase. He kept the fugitive in sight for some time but the man finally managed to elude the detective and was last seen disappearing into Water Street.

another, issues an invitation to the debtor to do further business and agrees not to raise the question of the old debt in connexion with this new business, he cannot be heard in a claim that the old accounts be settled first and "I submit," said counsel, "that judgment should be given for the present claim to be settled. It is grossly unfair to a broker not to have a settlement on settlement day, as it, to some extent, prevents him from carrying on business with other persons."

Plaintiff's Evidence.

The plaintiff, Mr. Behar, deposed that on March settlement day, he delivered the Ewo shares to Emmanuel Ellis at the latter's office and that Ellis refused to accept them, giving no reason. "He told me that he was not in a position to take delivery of the shares," continued witness, "and said that I should go out and sell them at the best price I could get. I asked him about the difference and he said he would do his best to pay me in a few days but would not give me a post-dated cheque."

Witness went on to say that he offered the shares to two or three brokers and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon (on Settlement day) sold them to Gensburger & Co. at Tls. 6.35.

Cross-examined by Mr. Reader Harris, witness said that there was a nominal rate for the shares that day, and that Gensburger & Co. were the people from whom he had originally bought the shares on behalf of Mr. Ellis.

In a Hole.

"I was in default," continued witness, "I had to pay the Gensburgers and was in a hole. Four thousand odd taels is not a paltry sum to me. Mr. Ellis has put me in a hole more times than I can remember."

Counsel—Was not Mr. Ellis a great friend of yours?—He was once, at least, I thought he was. Do you dislike him now?—I certainly do.

Do you hate him?—I more than hate him, but I would not try to ruin him, it is not my character.

Re-examined by Mr. Macleod, witness said that there was another matter outstanding between the parties which involved about \$25,000 in which Mr. Ellis endorsed a promissory note as guarantor.

This concluded plaintiff's evidence.

Mr. F. Weil stated that he was in the office when the shares were tendered to Mr. Ellis and heard Mr. Ellis say that he could not take them up at that time.

Sale On His Own Responsibility.

Counsel for the defendant firm then briefly addressed His Lordship and called the defendant to the witness box.

Witness said that he admitted that the shares were brought to him for acceptance. "I told

HIS LADY FRIENDS.

ASSAULT CHARGE FAILS.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, with striking an old woman with a pair of scales, and causing injuries which resulted in her detention in hospital for three days, a fishmonger from the Western Market denied the offence, suggesting that the woman received the injuries through a fall.

There was an accusation also that he gave short weight to the complainant but a young woman whom he produced as a witness stated that the old woman was greedy and would endeavour to run off with a slice too much.

His Worship asked this witness if it was purely in the interests of justice that she put herself to the inconvenience of coming into court. She replied that gossip passed around that the fishmonger had been arrested, and she felt it would be the right thing to do to state before the court what she herself had seen.

His Worship, to defendant: Well, you are lucky. Have you any other girl as a witness?

There was a stir in the back of the court, where the spectators were seated. The Magistrate noticed a young girl whom he ordered to be brought forward. "Are you also a witness?" his Worship queried.

"Yes, I am an earth-carrier, but I saw what happened at the market," replied the girl.

She was cross-examined at length as to the motives which brought her into the case, and said: I came up for a job as an earth-carrier.

His Worship: Here, in this court? You know defendant? A friend of yours?

In the end, Mr. Lindsell said that he could not convict the defendant, as he had two witnesses and the complainant had none. Defendant was discharged.

Behar," said witness, "that you have to place this against what you owe me, because you owe me such big amounts and have always put off from paying. He said: 'I shall sell the shares, and I told him that, if you do sell them, you do so on your own responsibility.' Moreover, continued witness, business had been done in Ewo's on the day before settlement day at Tls. 7.25.

Cross-examined, witness said that Behar made no reply when he told him this. Asked whether he suggested that plaintiff and Mr. Weil were not telling the truth. Witness said: "They are friends and naturally help one another—they can say what they like."

Counsel—Perhaps you are judging them by yourself?—You can suggest what you like.

Counsel—I shall.

In reply to His Lordship, Mr. Macleod said: "I have nothing more to add, but ask your Lordship to disbelieve the witness."

Settlement Day Rates.

Mr. Ellis, Hayim, Chairman of the Shanghai Stock Exchange, was then called by counsel for the defendant firm, and deposed that on March settling day, his firm were buyers of Ewo's at Tls. 7. "Being 'settlement day,'" continued witness, there were no quotations issued and I did not hear of any shares being offered during the day."

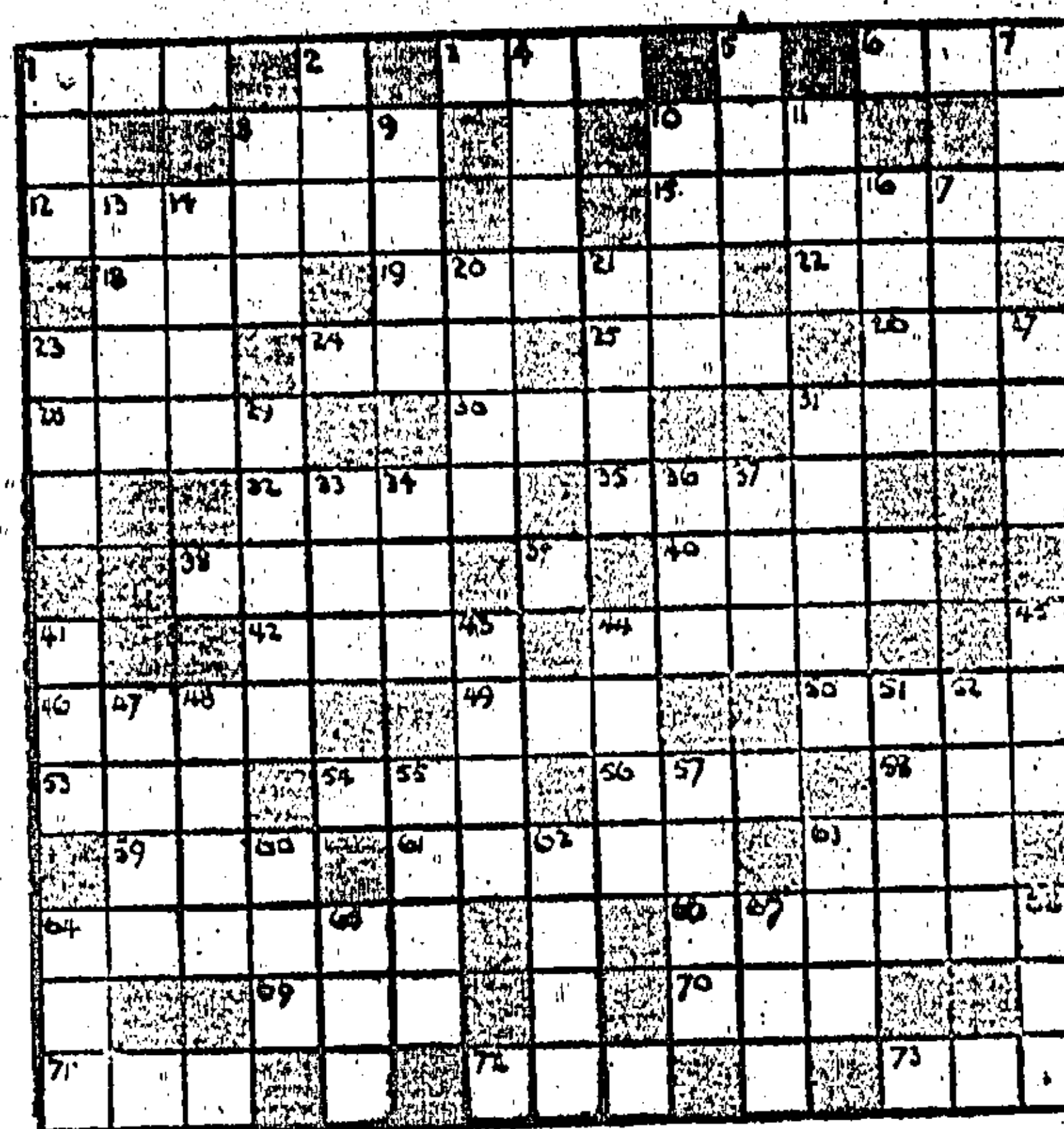
Mr. Behar had made inquiries as to the price of the shares on that day and was informed by the witness that the price was Tls. 7.

In reply to His Lordship, witness said that it was not at all unusual for shares to be sold at a sacrifice on settlement day and settling day might be described as a "squeeze day."

Counsel for the plaintiff briefly addressed His Lordship, remarking: "I do not think that your Lordship will believe that Mr. Behar and Mr. Weil have invented their story. I think it is rather a monstrous suggestion on the part of Mr. Ellis."

His Lordship intimated that he would reserve judgment and would deliver it at the same time as his judgment in the case heard on Tuesday and Wednesday last, in which Tls. 161,821.06 is involved.

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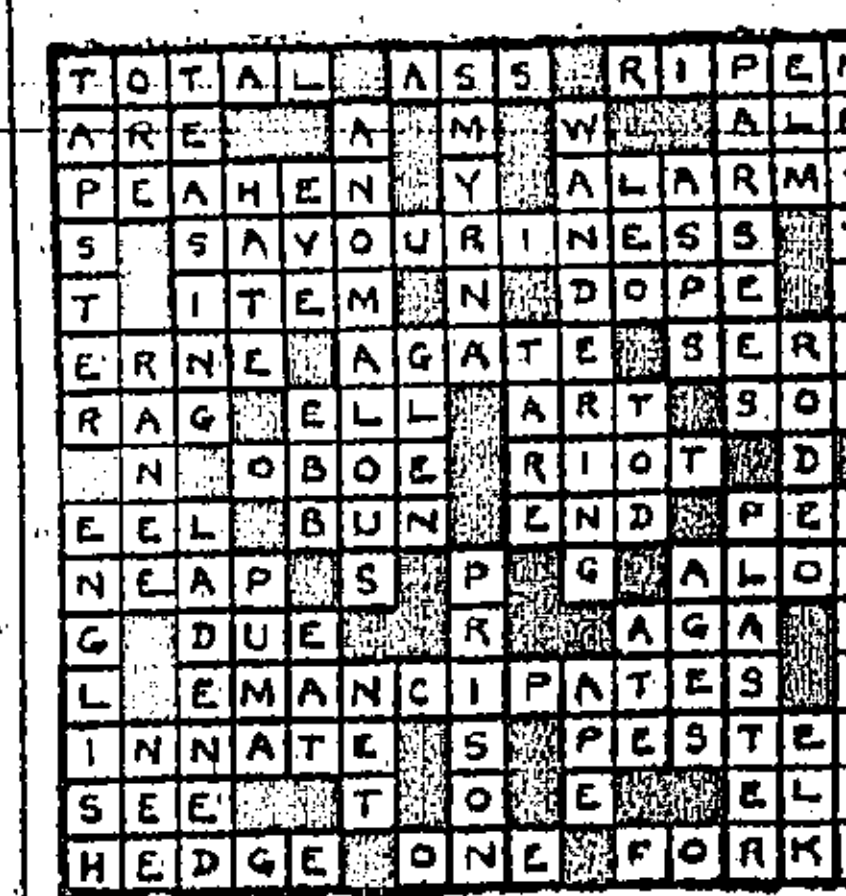
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- 19 Was in a temper.
- 22 Siesta.
- 23 Used in road making.
- 24 Wager.
- 25 Laid.
- 26 Afternoon meal.
- 28 Liquors.
- 30 Short poem.
- 31 Muddle.
- 32 Road train.
- 35 Call.
- 38 Fruit.
- 39 Myself.
- 40 Young cow.
- 42 So be it.
- 44 Valley.
- 46 Kind of bivalve shellfish.
- 49 Contains metal.
- 50 Comfort.
- 53 Organ of hearing.
- 54 Uneven.
- 56 Moist earth.
- 58 Much.
- 59 Small flap.
- 61 Ridge of sand.
- 63 Over.
- 64 Talk about.
- 66 Principal ore of lead.
- 69 Pinch.
- 70 Old age.
- 71 Clear of all deductions.
- 72 Emmet.
- 73 Starting point in golf.

Down.

- 1 Make brown.
- 2 Tree.
- 4 Understand (colloq.).
- 5 Headgear.
- 7 Entity.
- 8 Flying mammal.
- 9 Covering for a wheel.
- 10 Travelled in a carriage.
- 11 Writing utensil.

- 13 Spoken.
- 14 Deduction from gross weight of goods.
- 16 Piece.
- 17 Imitates.
- 19 Tidy thing.
- 21 Famous garden.
- 23 Pat.
- 27 Adder.
- 29 Vapour.
- 31 Affray.
- 33 Male sheep.
- 34 Exist.
- 36 Unit.
- 37 Human being.
- 41 Congealed water.
- 43 Bows slightly.
- 44 Township.
- 46 Encountered.
- 47 Not early.
- 48 Inhabitant of Arabia.
- 51 On the lee side.
- 52 Obtrude oneself on another (Scotch).
- 55 Profound.
- 57 Inlets.
- 60 Bar.
- 62 Large stove.
- 63 Ancient.
- 64 Row.
- 65 End.
- 67 The whole.
- 68 Playing card with one pip.

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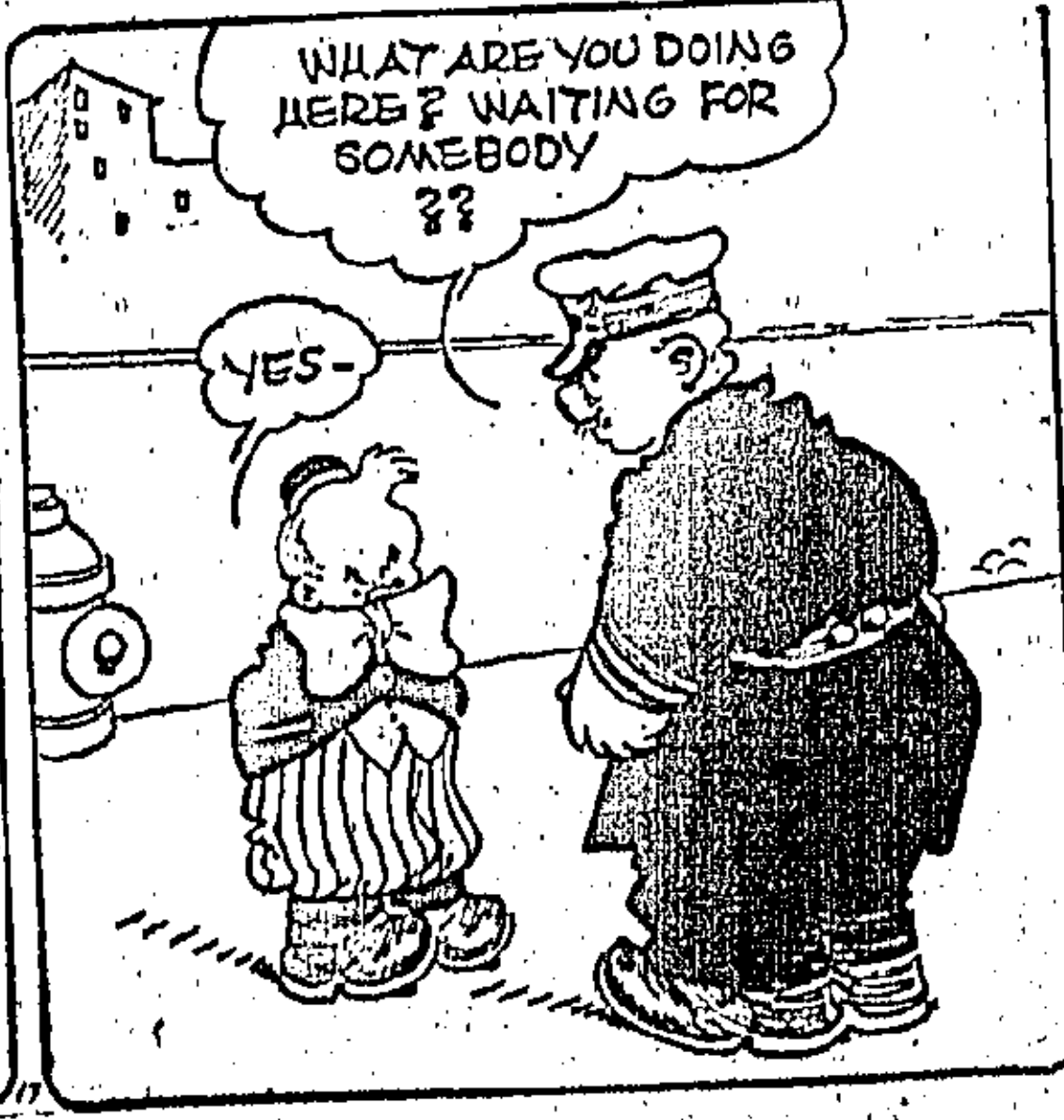
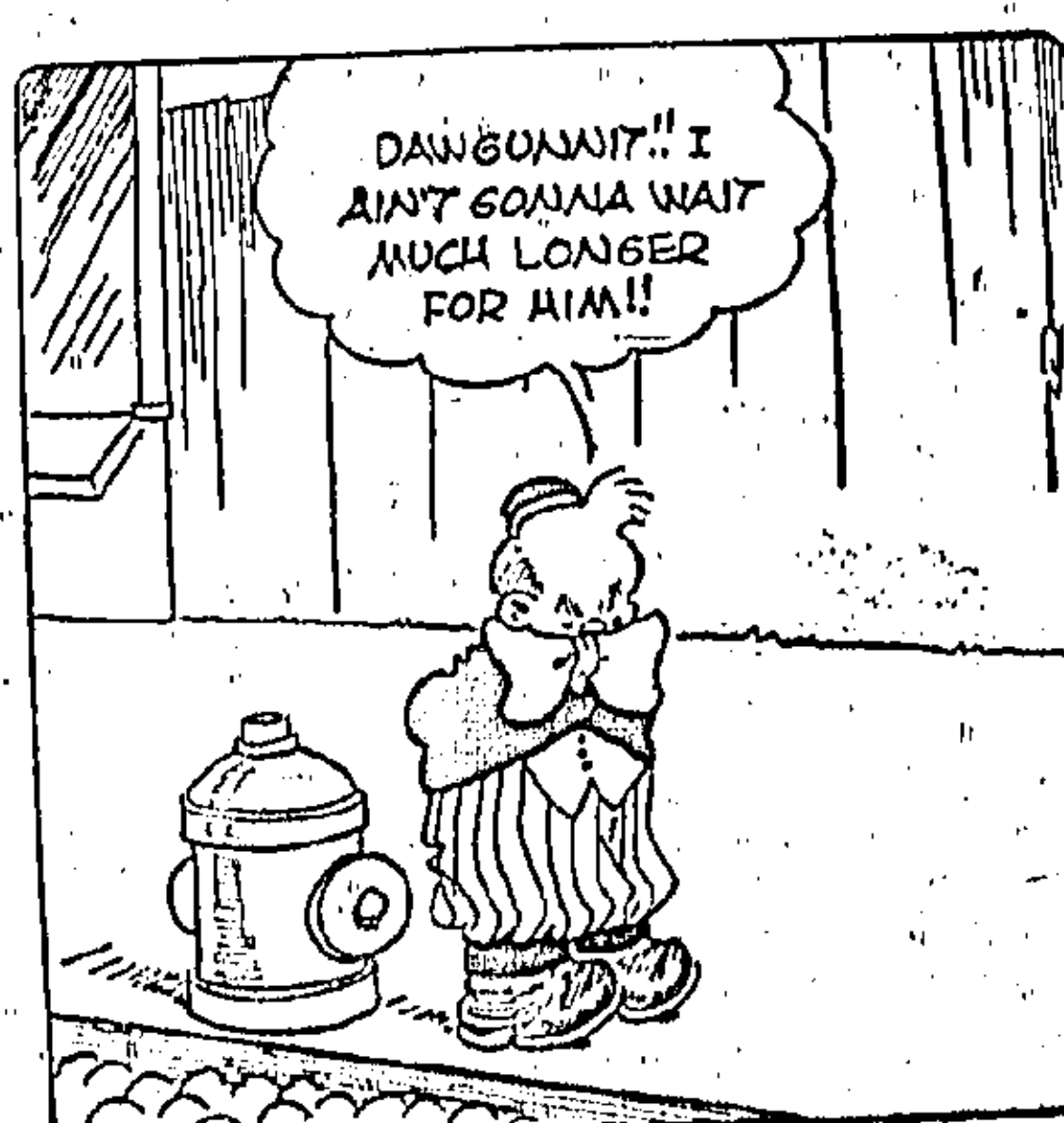
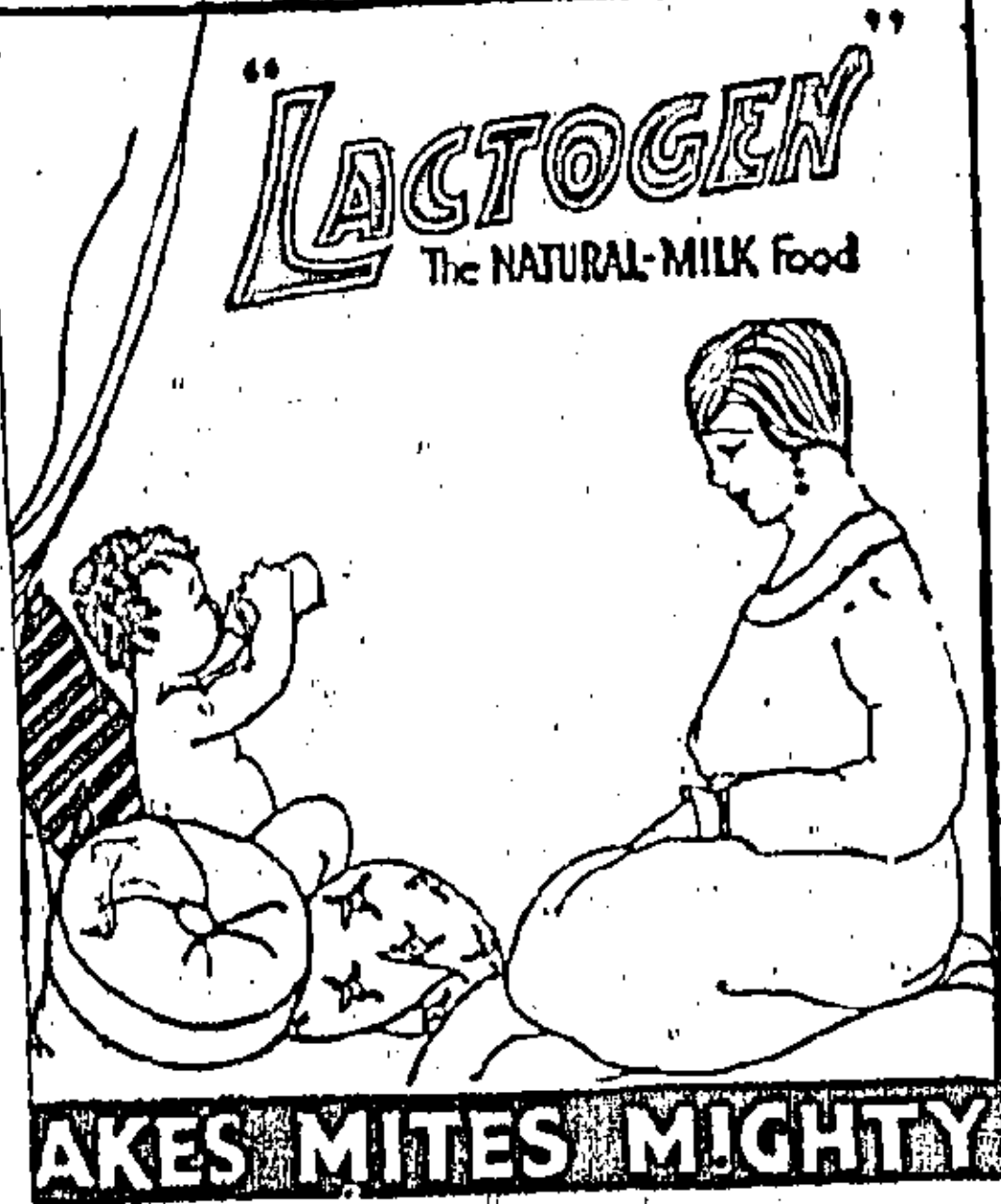
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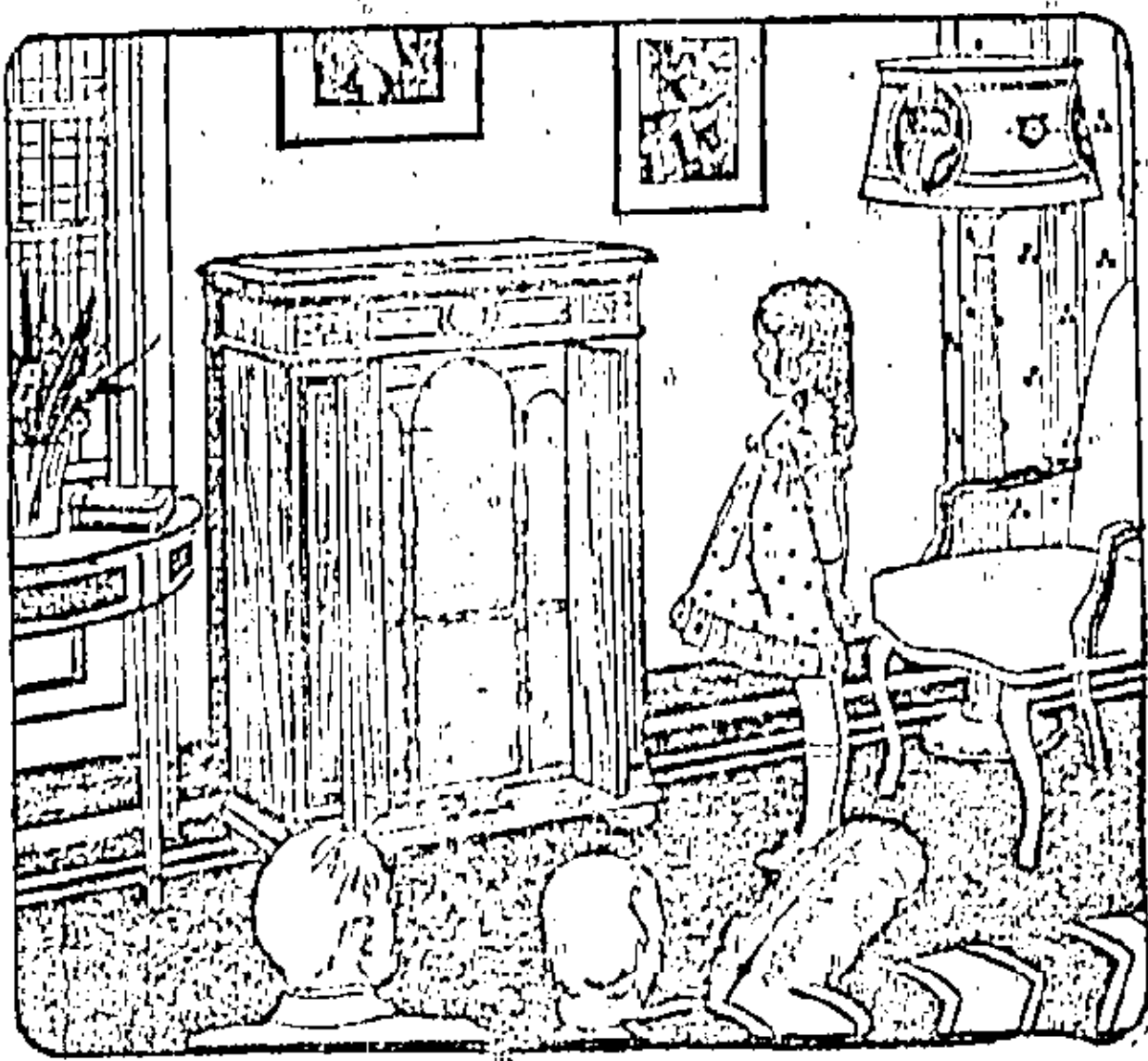
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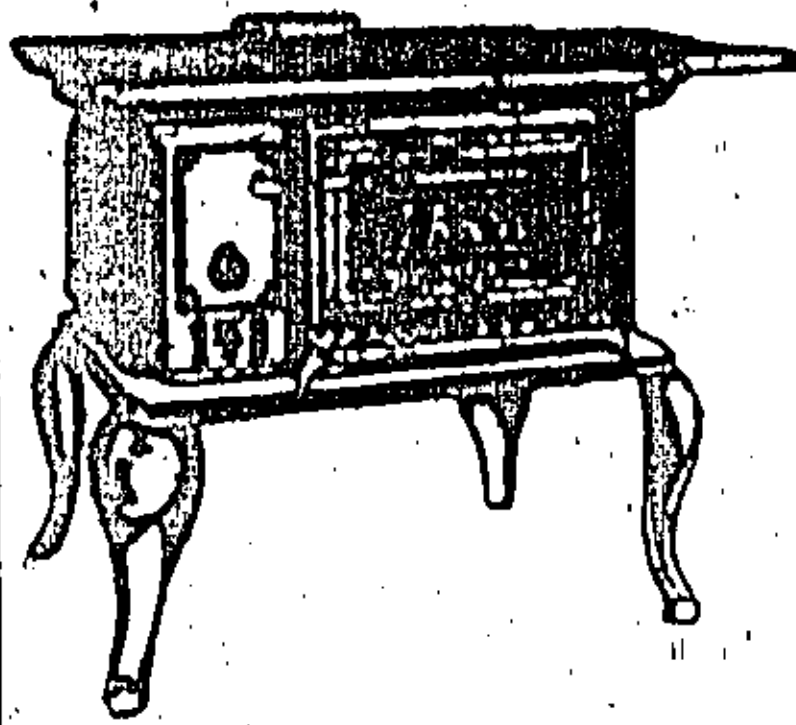
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 1927.

MR. CHEN'S LATEST.

The capture of Pakow by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek puts him on the railway line that leads straight to Tientsin, and it is inevitable, we think, that his forces should succeed in making much further headway before they are slowed-up by the heavy resistance of well-organized Northern forces. During the past few weeks it has been consistently reported that the Southerners in the Yangtze region around Nanking, Wuhu, and Chinkiang have been concentrating for a drive against the North, and although there have been a few adherents to the belief that Marshal Chiang might eventually fix up an alliance with Marshal Sun Chuan-fang for the purpose of attacking the Communists at Hankow, it has now become apparent that Marshal Chiang meant what he said a few weeks ago regarding his intention to push on with the campaign against the Peking party. Once again, there are reports of the Northerners walking out without putting up much of a fight and it would seem to be confirmed that the Shantung troops are not to be relied upon when up against the stiffer morale of the Cantonese-trained army. Marshal Chiang has enjoyed a succession of military triumphs that places him in the very forefront of modern Chinese military leaders. It remains to be seen how he will fare against the Hankow party, for whom, we imagine, he entertains no more respect since Mr. Eugene Chen's belittlement of him than he did when he "excommunicated" them from the Kuomintang. Mr. Chen has told Reuter that Marshal Chiang will not last out the summer and that the Hankow forces will be in Peking within three months. That sounds very much like boasting, and, at the moment, very foolish boasting. Not only is Marshal Chiang in an extremely strong military position but he has at the back of him the political support of Shanghai and Canton, and so long as that lasts he will always be the superior of isolated Hankow. The latest news from the front, north of Hankow, along the Hankow-Peking railway is that the Fengtien forces are maintaining a steady advance towards Hankow, where large numbers of wounded have been arriving

from what are described as very intense battles.

Mr. Chen's show of umbrage against Sir Austen Chamberlain for daring to belittle the Hankow remnant and to speak of Mr. Chen as any other than the Foreign Minister of the Government of China is a typical piece of petulance. With costless bravado he says: "Wait until I get into Peking and then I'll talk to Sir Austen Chamberlain in a manner of which he will have to take note." That is empty-headed truculence which bespeaks the calibre of the "diplomat" concerned. Mr. Chen has, time and again, been guilty of verbal indiscretions, and the general tone of most of his Notes and Manifestoes has been that of an angered newspaperman who has forsaken niceties of language for the sake of being bombastic. Let us suppose for the moment that the Hankow party does triumph and that it defeats Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and the Fengtien forces and the forces of Marshal Chang Tso-lin and also those of General Yang Sen, and that it really does get into power in Peking itself. We can imagine Mr. Eugene Chen as the head and behind every communication to Britain or her representative there, would be the memory of the Hankow threat: "Wait until I get into Peking." Surely no further imaginings are needed to show the impossibility of Mr. Chen's proceeding. He has done much to eclipse himself. But we think, however, that the span of life for the Hankow party is about to end and that we need not seriously worry about Mr. Chen and his naive talk. Mr. Chen may be speaking with much inside knowledge when he warns Britain not to "flirt with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek" but it is safe to assume that he is lying by insinuation and that Britain has fully maintained her strict neutrality as between the contending Chinese factions. Britain's concern is to see a speedily re-united and peaceful China in which she can pursue not only trading but also her sincere intentions of helping in every way possible the political advancement of the Chinese people. Unfortunately, Mr. Eugene Chen has not helped very much.

Tariff Obstacles.

It is interesting to find the special committee formed at the Geneva International Economic Conference, to deal with customs tariffs, deciding that "the present enormous increase in chapters and sub-divisions of tariffs is excessive, and constitutes a serious obstacle to the development of international commerce." The recommendation is, so far as one can interpret the reading of the cable, to modify that system as much as possible. There was a strong representation of countries with high tariff walls, so one could hardly expect any suggestion for the total abolition of tariffs of all kinds. Yet that very revolutionary idea is held strongly as an absolute article of faith by many deep thinkers to-day, who are of opinion that the best way to solve modern economic problems, do away with disparity in exchange, banish unemployment, and, indeed, remove the main cause of war, will be to have universal free trade. However much one may be prejudiced in favour of protection, modified or otherwise, there is a realisation that one tariff leads to another, and until certain States reduce their discrimination against others in this respect, no cessation in the strain of counter-tariff legislation can be expected. Britain is a case in point. The Free Traders for years had matters much their own way, but a change of opinion came after the war, and the Conservatives, whom one might have expected to be the last to countenance radical changes, introduced specific tariffs that placed a new tradition in the annals of the party. The excuse was the parlous state of British trade, the gradual loss of Empire orders, and high tariff walls abroad, particularly in the United States of America. One thing has led to another. Britain had to have certain tariffs to meet those of rival countries, and the easy way of raising revenue thus offered has tempted to further increases since. One can easily imagine a time coming when these chapters and sub-divisions will become almost overwhelming, and call for sweeping reform. The fact that the matter is receiving international prominence, and responsible criticism, is at least a healthy sign that the nations are beginning to take notice of a matter that they have largely left to itself, so that, like a rank weed, it threatens to grow far beyond its original bounds.

DAY BY DAY.

BE CHARITABLE AND INDULGENT TO EVERYONE BUT YOURSELF.—*Jobert.*

The Wilbur Players open their season at the Star Theatre to-night, when they present "Do Foolish Wives Pay?"

The weather forecast up till noon to-morrow, issued by the Royal Observatory, is: "South-west or variable winds, moderate; squally, showery."

The Dutch vessel Van Heutsz, with 18.68 deck passengers from the Straits, reports one death, cause not stated, and two births, en route.

The Antung arriving from Singapore and Amoy, reports the death of one passenger between ports on May 12, the corpse being landed at Swatow.

The silk forwarded from here by "Empress of Russia" on the 20th April, arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 12th May, having been 22 days in transit.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 19 arrivals and 18 departures, six and seven of which respectively were British, leaving 68 vessels in harbour, British 21.

Mr. E. B. S. Edwards, of Kobe, who left recently for England with his family to settle down there, has presented the International Hospital with Tls. 500 as a parting gift.

The forty-ninth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., will be held at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on Tuesday June 7, at noon.

The Squeakettes will give a Matinee Performance at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 26th May, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets 50 cents each may be booked at the Secretary's office.—*Adv.*

The Chief Officer of the s.s. Prosper reports that between 8 and 10 a.m., yesterday, someone entered the wireless room and, breaking open the door of the cupboard, stole a revolver and six rounds of ammunition.

Mr. L. G. Husar, former U.S. District Attorney in Shanghai, and who was recently convicted of bribery, left for America in the Empress of Asia, where he will remain pending his appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Business in Wuchow is believed to have suffered considerably because of the recent flood of the West River, says the local vernacular press. There has been a noticeable decrease in the cargoes shipped to Wuchow these past few days.

The accountant of the Wah Ting haberdashery shop of No. 60, Hollywood Road, reports that on the 16th instant someone entered the premises on the ground floor by breaking open the side door. The intruder stole an electric fan and 20 rolls of cloth.

Mr. Van Epps, of No. 41, Morrison Hill Road has reported to the police that some time yesterday afternoon some one stole from his house a watch worth \$40. The police, after making enquiries, were able to restore the watch to Mr. Van Epps. No arrest was made.

Two more Communists were executed on Thursday in Chapei. Both victims looked very much depressed in the execution ground, and one of them evidently thought that if he had anticipated what would happen then, he would never have joined the Communist Party.—*N. C. Daily News.*

The whereabouts of Teng, the Hongkong Bank ex-compradore at Peking and his son, remains a mystery, says the *N. C. Daily Mail*. The Commissioner of Foreign Affairs in Tientsin is reported to have been instructed by the Walchiaopu to negotiate with the foreign authorities for warrants of arrest in case Teng and his son are hiding in one of the Concessions.

In connexion with the murder of Mr. C. P. W. Flynn, who was shot while returning to the Bukit Sembawang Rubber Estate, of which he was manager, on April 8, the Singapore Coroner has returned a verdict of murder against Tan Ah Kow, the son of the Chinese who holds a licence for the shot gun, the handguard of which was picked up in the jungle off Thompson road. The verdict is also against Teo Chew, the young Chinese against whom evidence was recorded that he was constantly in the company of Ah Kow, and whose father also owns a shot gun, and other persons unknown.

A BIG SHANGHAI BURGLARY.

PRESENTATION BUDDHA
STOLEN.

Merchandise valued at more than \$2,500, was stolen from the premises of Messrs. Squires, Bingham & Co., Nanking Road, Shanghai, early on Thursday morning, by a gang of clever and experienced thieves. At a late hour yesterday, (says Saturday's *N. C. Daily News*) no arrests had been made, although the police have questioned the watchman of the premises.

After breaking through the Nanking Road iron grill doors and prying open the locks of the inner door the burglars made a methodical search of the store. Their loot in the main consisted of several large rolls of valuable cloth, large numbers of small pieces of ladies' jewellery, hand bags, etc. But from a sentimental point of view the most serious loss was an ancient Buddha, the property of the American Co., S.V.C., which had been obtained for presentation to Brig-Gen. Smedley Butler. This article cannot be replaced.

According to a survey made by Mr. Baldwin, proprietor, yesterday, it would seem as though the gang used handcarts or rickshaws to carry off their loot, for the quantity was so great that they could not carry it.

They also made a thorough ransack of much of Mr. Baldwin's personal property which he had stored in a side room, and forced the locks from his bags, and from a number of Korean chests which he has for sale.

The management considers itself fortunate that they did not burn the place down, for an investigation shows that the walls were badly scorched by candles which they had removed from ornamental holders.

The police have obtained a number of finger prints and are conducting a thorough investigation.

ROLAND PERTWEE 'TAKEN UP.'

WOMEN ANNOYED AT HIS
REMARKS.

"The women with the most appeal are the women who know how to be playthings in the hours when men most want a plaything," declared Roland Pertwee, distinguished author and dramatist, recently.

Pertwee's statement brought a storm of protests from women in all parts of England.

"When the discovery is made that woman is a human being with a purpose of her own in life," one woman wrote to a local paper, "Mr. Pertwee will be glad to accept God's work rather than looking around for an impossible combination of a baby's rattle, a frisky kitten and a darning and button-applying machine."

Another wrote, "Mr. Pertwee seems to have a perfect passion for women to sit in men's laps. I presume he is one of those rare men who is not armoured at every vulnerable point by a bunch of keys, four pens, two automatic pencils, two metal cigarette cases, one cardboard box, an automatic metal cigarette lighter, a pen-knife, a cork-screw and a folding screwdriver."

THE COLONY'S HEALTH.

LAST WEEK'S RETURNS.

There were altogether sixteen cases of typhoid fever reported last week, all being Chinese, with the exception of one German. There were six deaths.

Of four cases of small-pox reported, two proved fatal.

There was one non-fatal case of cerebro-spinal fever, and there was one death from paratyphoid fever—a case which was reported previously.

Yesterday's health return contained only one fresh case of notifiable disease—one Chinese case of typhoid fever.

CONCERT TO THE SERVICES.

COMMUNITY SINGING THIS
EVENING.

There will be a special concert, with community singing, for the entertainment of the troops, at the Y.M.C.A. in Chater Road, this evening, from 6.30 to 10.30.

These entertainments for the Services are proving very popular, and a very large attendance is anticipated to-night, especially as this is the first concert to be given since the arrival of the large numbers of fresh drafts to China.

The Very Idea!

A Minister went to officiate at a country parish, and instead of being accommodated in the best bedroom of the manse, usually allotted to strangers, he was given a particularly diminutive apartment.

"He gazed at it in astonishment: 'Is this the bedroom?'" he asked. "Dead aye, sir," said the servant, "this is the prophet's chamber."

"It must be for the minor prophets," said the clergyman with a smile.

Billy in one of his nice new sashes, Fell in the fire and was burnt to ashes;

Now, although the room grows chilly, I haven't the heart to poke poor Billy.

Willesden's wife: My husband threw a teapot of water at me and his children and drowned the lot of us.

Dr. Waldo, Southwark coroner: There is more alcohol in ginger wine than there is in beer, especially in these days.

Durham husband, summoned by his wife: I never saw a police court summons until after I was married.

Woman at Willesden: My husband has an electric bell at his bedside, and he rings me up for his breakfast and newspaper.

Man at Lambeth: Once bitten twice shy. Mr. Roach (magistrate): What do you mean by that? We don't bite people here. We fine them or send them to prison.

Madame Pavlova, with her troupe, was in Vienna recently. To the Pressmen who interviewed her she spoke in condemnation of modern dances, and said the extravagances of modern dances have no relation with real art. Jazz, she declared, has absolutely no place in the world of artistic dances.

In connexion with children's essays on Beethoven written during the centenary celebrations, the Scottish Musical Magazine quotes these "howlers":—

"Beethoven wrote some funny music about Kate knocking at the door. He was deaf and could not hear her, so she went on knocking all through the piece."

Musicians regard the four notes of the famous opening phrase of the Fifth Symphony as representing "Fate knocking at the door." "Beethoven was a composer. He was fond of music and of great poverty, so he made gramophone records for a living and died poor. They sent him a hundred pounds to make him die happy, saying with his fleeting bricks—a superior kind of brick—fellows in London."

There should be a secular jollification somewhere in honour of the restoration to the calendar of St. Catherine (of Alexandria) St. Crispin and St. Crispin (brothers), St. Denys, and St. Nicholas (otherwise Santa Klaus)—a procession in which wheels, boots (the Crispin brothers were shoemakers), bows and arrows (representing Agincourt), and Father Christmases will discreetly figure. St. Denys, who is patron saint of France, might be represented by the tricolour: the hagiological incident of his carrying his severed head in his hands for a distance of six miles is hardly fitted for modern reproduction.

A tender-hearted man was motoring through a remote district in Ireland when he came upon a poor woman seated with all her furniture about her in the middle of the road in front of her little cabin. He was profoundly moved at this sight, and getting out of his car he presented the old woman with a pound note.

"Tell me," he said, "what is your trouble, my poor friend?" Bobbing and curtsying her gratitude, the old woman replied, "Shure, sorr, the old man is doing the whitewashing."

Mr. W. Larkins, the well-known London steepjack, has taken on "a tough sandwich," as he himself described. An exceptionally big chimney at the Hammill Brick Works, Sandwich, was to be felled by him. The chimney is over 200 ft. high, and built of pressed anorth glass, and has never been used. It will be removed without the use of fire or explosives. Mr. Larkins's scheme is to cut into the base, which is 5 ft. thick, until the chimney topples over.

M. DOUMERGUE'S VISIT.

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO LONDON.

London, May 16.

President Doumergue, accompanied by M. Briand, has arrived on a three days' visit to their Majesties the King and Queen.

He was welcomed by the Prince of Wales at Dover and by the King at Victoria station, which was beautifully decorated and carpeted.

The King who was dressed as a Field Marshal, cordially shook hands with M. Doumergue and presented a number of distinguished persons, wearing court dress or uniform, including Prince Henry, Mr. Baldwin, Sir Austen Chamberlain, the chiefs of the Services, and the Lord Mayor.

The band of the Grenadier Guards played the Marseillaise as M. Doumergue, with the King, inspected the guard of honour.

After this the French President drove with the King to Buckingham Palace, the crowds in the streets cheering lustily.—*Reuter.*

Add M. Doumergue's Visit.

Anglo-French Co-Operation.

London, later.

That the Entente Cordiale is an undiminished world force was affirmed at the State Banquet at Buckingham Palace given in honour of M. Doumergue, who had previously deposited a wreath at the Cenotaph and another on the Unknown Warrior's tomb in Westminster Abbey.

Eleven members of the Royal family were among the 150 guests. His Majesty, toasting the President, referred to his welcome of M. Doumergue's predecessors over six years ago, when he expressed confidence that France and the British Empire would bring to the great work of restoration the same spirit of mutual confidence and loyal friendship which had animated them in war times. His Majesty's confidence had been justified, and since the signing of peace their common efforts had yielded many results. Much remained to be done, but as the two countries had helped each other with their united forces, in war time, they would continue to work together in the cause of peace.

M. Doumergue cordially and unreservedly associated himself with His Majesty's programme of Anglo-French co-operation. He declared that the Entente had been unceasingly and closely maintained by a common inspiration, and this had facilitated the pursuit of the international task, fruitful already in results and laden with promises.—*Reuter.*

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD DISASTER.

AREA OF DEVASTATION EXTENDED.

New Orleans, May 16.

The rich sugar districts of Louisiana, west of the Mississippi, are now flooded. Only one section of the lower Mississippi is intact along both banks, namely a 150 mile stretch from the river to New Orleans.

The present catastrophe surpasses anything on record.

Coast-guardsmen were wonderful yesterday, when they rescued 1,300 people from the crumbling levees and floating houseboats.

Convicts are working day and night, unguarded, in the dangerous spots. They have established their own sentinel system, to prevent the blacksheep breaking away. Only one escaped, a negro serving a life sentence for murder. He, however, returned the next day, ashamed, and asked for a shore, and has been working like a Trojan ever since.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PERSISTENT WOMAN.

WILL CONTINUE HAWKING.

A Chinese woman appeared before Major C. Willson, in tears this morning to answer a charge of hawking vegetables without a license. The woman told a pitiful tale of having to support her parents besides her brother and her husband as they were all out of employment.

Sergeant Dixon who was prosecuting said that the woman had twelve previous convictions against her and up to date had paid no less than \$310 in fines.

His Worship fined the woman \$25 or in default fourteen days' hard labour.

The defendant: I will go to gaol, I cannot afford to pay any more fines.

TO-DAY.

Dollar on demand 2/-15/16.
Lighting-up 6.56 p.m.

A FALSE NOTE.

TRIED TO PASS IT AT STALL.

Having made the purchase of a few cakes costing a few cents from a stall opposite the Monument in Morrison Gap Road, a Chinese tendered at \$10 bill in payment of his purchase. It was a fortunate thing that the woman who was in charge of the stall had no change for otherwise she would have been landed with a forged \$10 note.

A constable, who was on duty in Morrison Gap Road, arrested the man on suspicion a few moments later and searched him. He had nothing suspicious in his possession except the \$10 bill.

On the way to the station the man told the constable that he had won the note at gambling and that he had tried to pass the note at the stall mentioned above. The constable took the man to the No. 2 Police Station, and, later, the woman of the stall in Morrison Gap Road identified him as the same man who tried to pay for the small purchase.

The defendant appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell this morning and was charged with possessing and uttering a forged \$10 note. He was discharged on the count of uttering as it was not proved that the note he tendered at the stall was a forged note. On the charge of possession he was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

It transpired that the defendant was once employed by the police as a dog catcher in Wan-chai.

HE WOULD SING.

AND LATER HAD TO FIGHT.

In the sleeping quarters provided for the servants of the Naval Canton inside the Royal Naval Dockyard, a rather humorous occurrence took place last night.

It appears that one of the men, shortly after midnight started to sing in a loud voice. Another tenant of the same quarters, however, did not see why the first man should train his voice at that peculiar hour. Accordingly he told him to "shut up". The noise, the song, however, went on merrily. A cigarette stump thrown at the singer, followed by a box of matches had no effect. Nor did the singer stop when a blanket was thrown at him. Finally exasperated, the other tenant of the room threw his earthenware Chinese pillow at the singer, but still the song went on.

Realising that nothing short of assault would stop the man from singing, the exasperated man got up from his bed, switched on the light, seized a broom and approached the singer. By this time however, the singer realised that all was not well. In order to check the rush of the other man he seized the same Chinese pillow that had been thrown at him a few seconds before, and with a lucky shot, struck his room-mate across the forehead, causing him to bleed profusely.

The injured man took out a summons this morning against the midnight songster, but Mr. Lindell, who heard the case, said that it would be sufficient to bind the two men over in a personal bond of \$50 each to keep the peace for six months.

MARINE COURT CASES.

BERTHING AT PRIVATE WHARF.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. J. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., the mistresses of seven cargo boats were charged with mooring their craft alongside a private landing stage at Yaumati, on May 16.

Action was taken on a letter sent to the Harbour Master by the Hongkong Territorial Estates Ltd., in respect of the pier owned by them on Kowloon Marine Lot 39, situated between Public Square Street and Tung Kum Street, Yaumati, where the work of loading lighters was frequently interfered with by the presence of large numbers of sampans.

Defendants severally pleaded guilty, and were each fined \$2.

BATHING PICNIC.

TRIP TO BIG WAVE BAY.

Favoured by a fine moonlight night, the opening bathing picnic of the St. Peter's Young Men's Club, held last night, was a great success.

Over sixty members and their friends made the launch trip to Big Wave Bay to enjoy a swim, while community singing to the tune of a saxophone was indulged in by the cheerful party on the way home. The launch returned shortly before midnight.

PIG CARGOES.

ALLEGED UNLAWFUL POSSESSION.

The defence in a case involving pigs, which is being heard by the Kowloon Magistrate, was opened to-day, when Mr. Hin Shing Lo, appearing for the three remaining defendants, put his clients into the box. The defendants are charged with receiving 40 pigs, knowing the same to have been stolen or unlawfully received outside the waters of the Colony. Mr. A. E. Hall is appearing for the prosecution.

Mr. Lo briefly outlined the facts, describing in detail the occupations of the three defendants, and how the first man, who was a farmer in the Hoi Fung District, had collected the three consignments of pigs from different places and brought them to the Colony on the second defendant's junk.

It was intended that the pigs should be sold in Hongkong, and a cargo of merchandise be taken back to the country. The second defendant was not to receive any money in payment for lending his junk, but was entitled, by mutual agreement, to three tenths of the total profits on the two sales.

The pigs were brought safely to Shamshui, where they were kept in the third defendant's godown. Later a detective arrived on the scene, and, after some trouble about the identification of the pigs, the men were arrested and charged.

The case was again remanded, till next Tuesday.

MARKET COLLAPSES.

LUCKY ESCAPE FOR FOKIS.

Shortly after three o'clock this morning, the stall-foks who sleep in the Shektsung Market, were alarmed by sounds which presaged a collapse of the building.

The roof creaked ominously, while plaster dropped from one of the walls. Hurriedly, the sleepers moved themselves and their belongings out of the market. At eight o'clock the south-western portion of the roof and the supporting wall gave way.

There were no casualties, and firemen arriving with an appliance from Kennedy Town Sub-station found that their services were not required.

The whole market, which is situated in Hill Road, has been evacuated, and shoring operations will be put in hand. The building is of one storey and is reported to be at least thirty years old.

TROOPS DISEMBARK.

DISPOSITION OF THE BATTALIONS.

Holt's Wharf presented a busy spectacle this morning when the task of disembarking three battalions of infantry with their equipment, from the troopships Nevada and City of Marseilles, was commenced.

Contrary to early information, the contingents on both vessels spent the night on board, delaying disembarkation until first thing this morning.

It has now been decided that the 2nd Batt. Scots Guards will join the 2nd Batt. Welch Regiment in the Peninsula Hotel, the 1st Batt. Northamptonshire Regiment will proceed to the hut encampment at Shamshui, while the 1st Batt. Queen's Own Royal (West Surrey) Regiment will be split up amongst the barracks in Hongkong.

The disembarkation will, it is understood, be completed this afternoon.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1.—What great novelist wrote "The Battle of Life?"
- 2.—Who is President of the Republic of Brazil?
- 3.—What is barratry?
- 4.—Who was the Chevalier d'Eon?
- 5.—What is meant by copyhold?
- 6.—Which two kings were famous for length of nose?
- 7.—Who wrote "Erewhon," and what is meant by that title?
- 8.—What is a fieldfare?
- 9.—In what year did Chaucer die?
- 10.—What are the seven Wonders of the World?
- 11.—Who was the "Father of the Scottish Army?"
- 12.—Who was Vasco da Gama?
- 13.—Who founded the Kingdom of Kent?
- 14.—What woman, defeated a Ministry?
- 15.—Who was the first Sovereign of Britain?

TROOPS RECREATION CENTRE.

MORE SHANGHAI PROVISION.

The opening of No. 4 Recreational centre for the Shanghai Defence Forces in Glen Road near Yangtzepoo Road took place on Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock when the commodious quarters provided there and the large athletic field were added to the growing list of similar institutions. Major General Duncan and staff and a large gathering of officers of the Defence Force attended as well as a gaudy showing of Tommies. Lady Barton performed the simple opening ceremonies by "kicking-off" for the football match which started promptly at 5 o'clock between H.M.S. Durban and the Gloucester Regiment, as the main feature of the afternoon's entertainment. A number of ladies belonging to the Administrative Committee for the Recreation Centre were also present, as were heads of the various committees in charge of special divisions of the work in the centre. The regimental band of the Gloucesters played throughout the inauguration ceremonies.

The new centre is ideal from a number of points for its purpose. The buildings have been specially constructed to provide for the hot weather, double roofing with matting on top having been built to furnish coolness inside the long "huts." Writing rooms, library, billiard room, bar and the usual facilities which have made the work of the Recreational Committee so highly appreciated by the Defence Forces are included in the new centre. There are, moreover, special buildings devoted to shower baths at one end of the athletic field where the men can adjourn after strenuous exercise.

CHINESE WINE.

\$500 FINE FOR UNPAID DUTY.

At the District Office, in the Post Office Building, this morning, before Mr. E. J. Wynne-Jones, the Chinese master of the Hang Chun wine and spirit shop, 37 Tinwan, New Territories, was fined \$500 for having in his possession 152 gallons of dutiable Chinese wine, on which the duty had not been paid.

Chief Preventive Officer Clark said that acting on information received he went to a spot about a mile before Laihekook prison, and searched baskets which were being carried by a woman, in which he found nine bottles of Chinese wine, each bottle containing one gallon.

She took witness to defendant's shop, where she said she had bought the liquor, and on a search being made of the premises the amount named in the charge was found.

Account books were consulted to find if any duty had in fact been paid, and after the investigation his Worship decided that the defendant was guilty, and imposed the fine stated.

Passengers arriving yesterday from Vancouver and Northern ports included Mr. and Mrs. Allan Cameron, Captain A. R. Barles, Lieut. Commr. C. B. Elbow, Major P. Hayes, Lieut. G. Morrison, and the Company of Wilbur Players, who open at the Star Theatre this evening.

LADY DRIVER FINED.

GOING FROM SIDE TO SIDE.

Miss Rocha, the owner of an Essex car, No. 2279, appeared before Major C. Willson this morning on a traffic summons charging her with driving at an excessive speed along Morrison Hill Gap Road, on the 7th instant.

Sergeant Hopkins said that the time was 6.30 p.m. when the road was being much used by cars returning from the races. The road was rather wet at the time, but the defendant should not have skidded from side to side as she did, had she been driving at a reasonable speed. He estimated that the defendant was proceeding at a rate of between 20 to 25 miles an hour, and, watching the car skidding from side to side for a long stretch of the road, he had fully expected that it would turn over at any moment.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios for the defence, said that the defendant had only recently learned how to drive, and this fact was pleaded, as an extenuating circumstance.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

WORLD AGRICULTURE.

INTERNATIONAL EFFORT RECOMMENDED.

Geneva, May 16.

The Economic Conference agricultural committee has concluded its work, and passed a resolution declaring that the efforts of agricultural and distributive co-operative societies should be furthered by the creation of a committee representing national and international co-operative organisations of agriculturists.

It also passed a resolution requesting the League of Nations to consider the results of the enquiry by the International Institute of Agriculture, with a view to examining the possibility of international collaboration in respect of credits, and the recovery of agriculture where there is a shortage of capital.—*Reuter.*

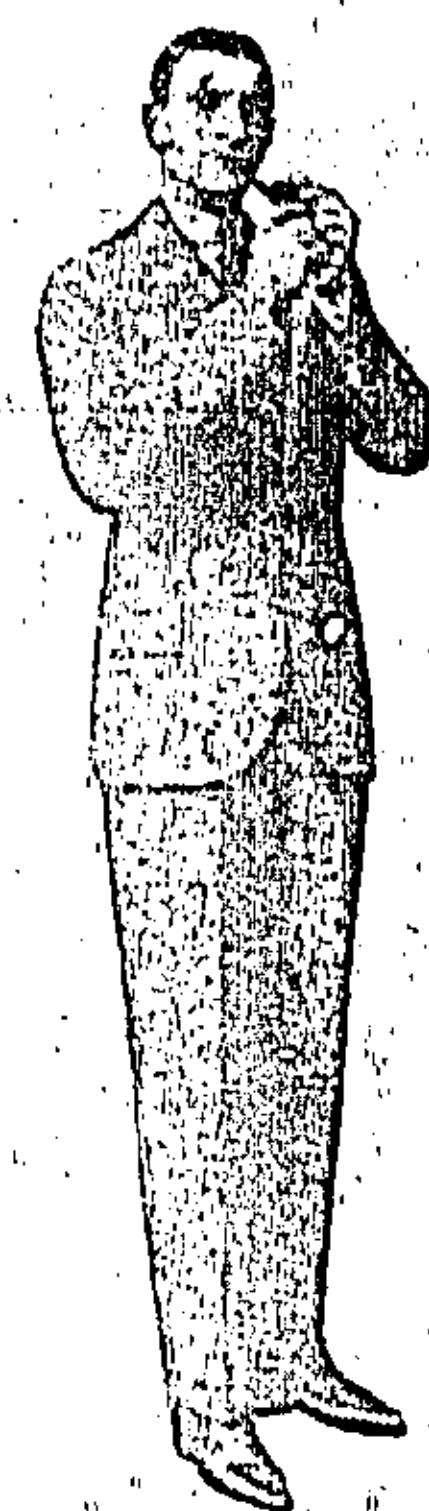
TORNADO IN INDIA.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

Noakhali, April 23.—According to latest reports there has been heavy loss of life and property in consequence of the recent tornado which swept over some of the most populous villages in the district. Deaths so far total fourteen and injured about forty.

It is understood that the Government has sanctioned Rs. 750 for gratuitous relief and Rs. 10,000 for agricultural loans. Cultivators have been the worst sufferers and a very large number of them have been rendered homeless.

Efforts to revive the village blacksmith's craft are meeting with conspicuous success in Hertfordshire. The county's smiths have done a lot of trade through their exhibit of wrought metal work at the recent British Industries Fair. The Rural Industries Sub-committee of Hertfordshire County Council has now arranged for the forthcoming exhibition in Hatfield Park on June 9. Classes not only for smiths' wrought iron scroll work, fire dogs, weather vanes, and other decorative and useful metal articles, but also for wheel-barrows and handcarts, cart bridges, and similar goods.



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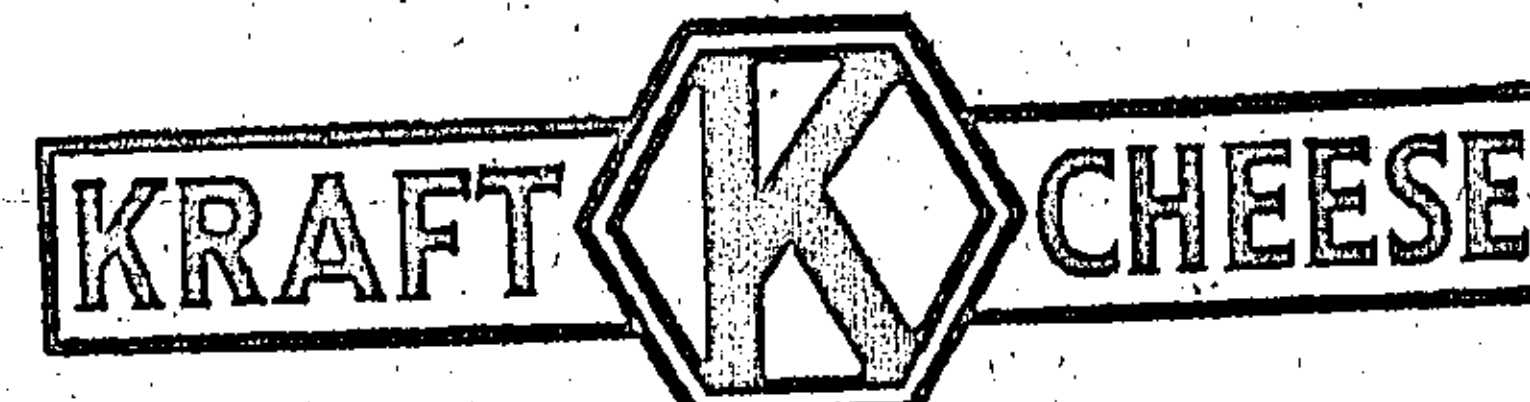
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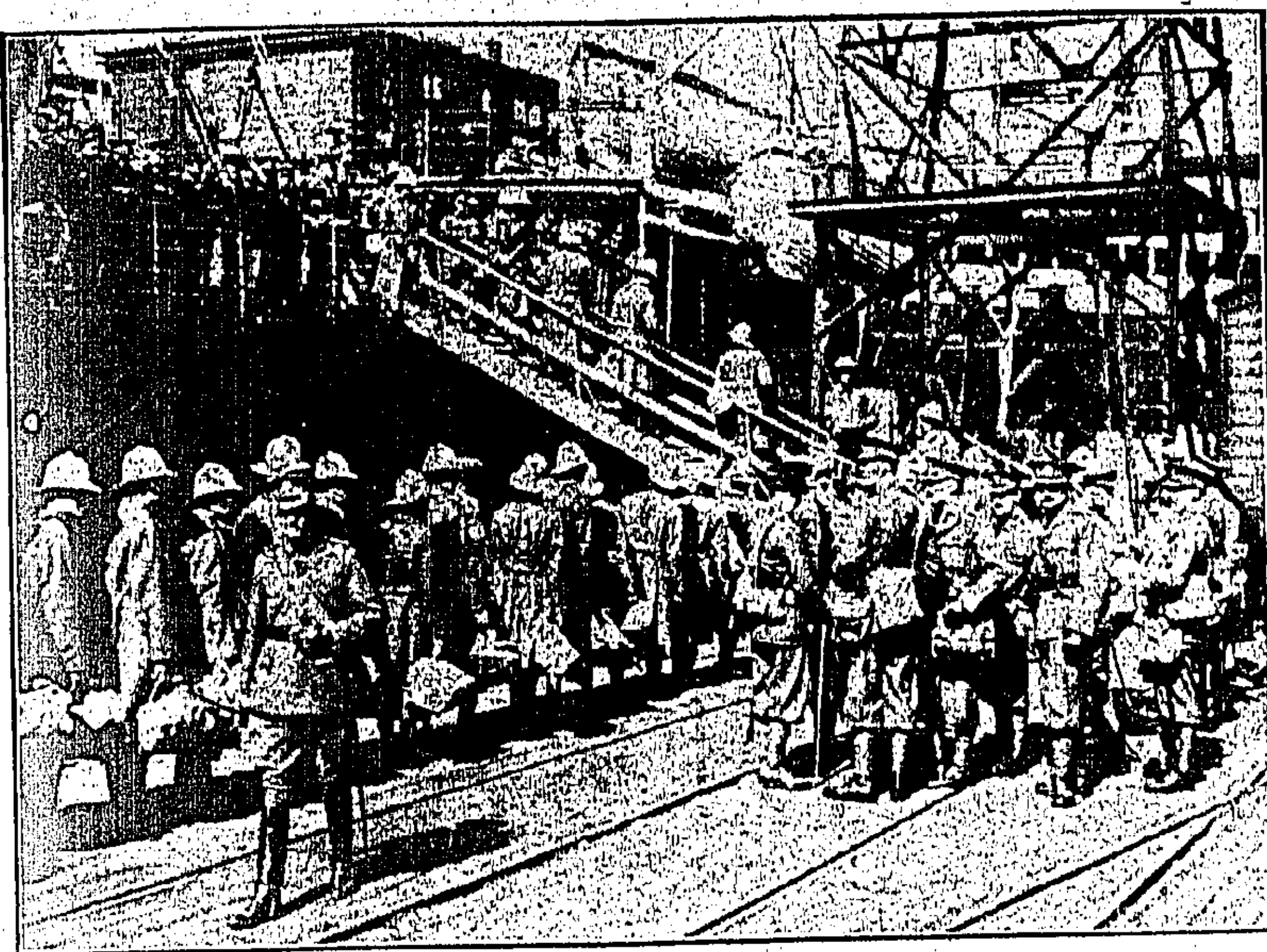
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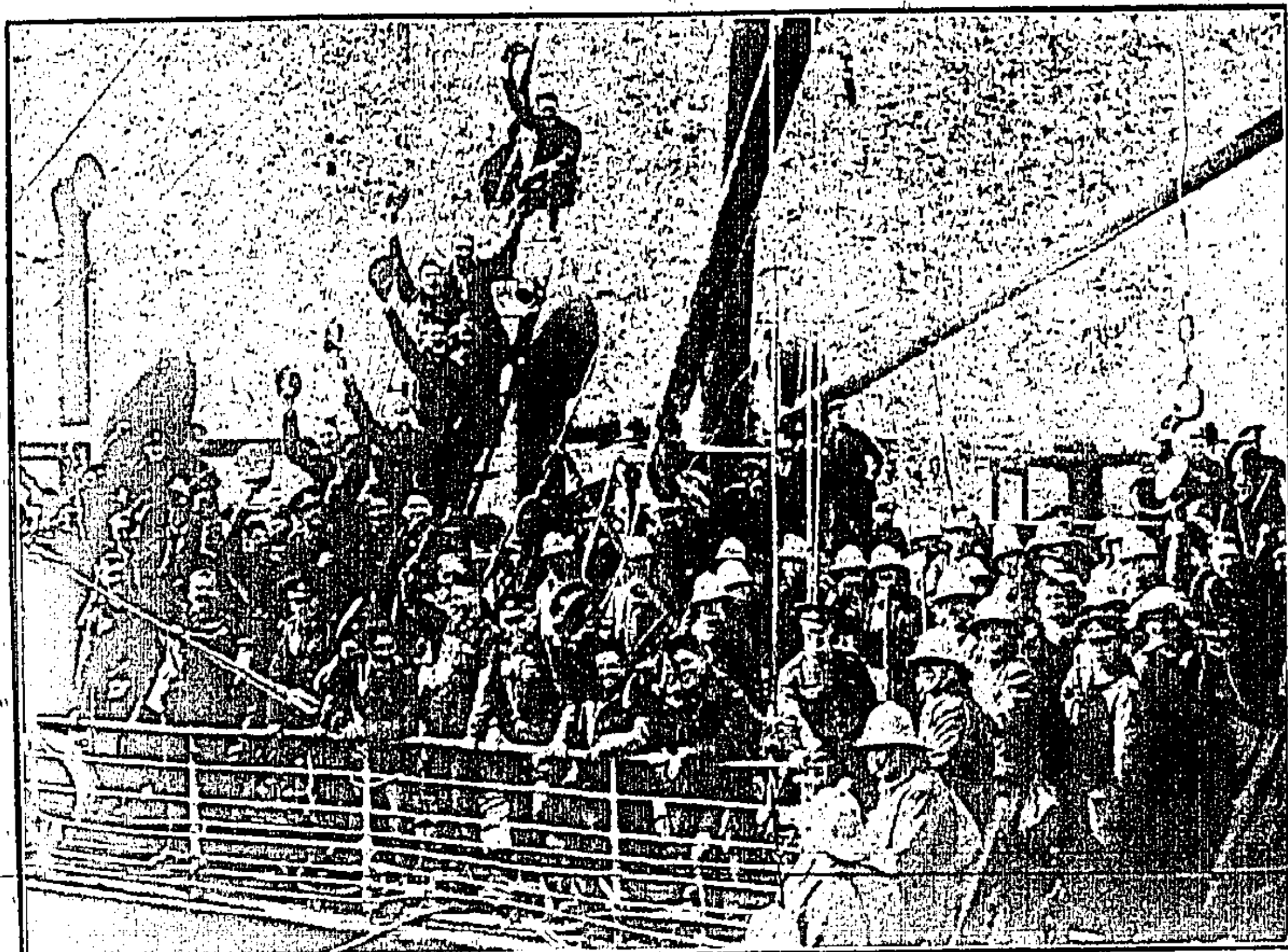
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The 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards and two Companies of the Northamptonshire Regiment, who landed here yesterday, are here seen embarking at Southampton.



In the above picture, the Northamptonshire Regiment, on board the "City of Marseilles" are seen cheering the Scots Guards as they embark.

WONDERFUL RACE.

HALLAMSHIRE HARRIERS
WIN IN RECORD TIME.

Hallamshire Harriers (Sheffield), the National cross-country champions, wound up a great season by winning the annual London-Brighton relay race, promoted by the *News of the World*, in the record time for 53 miles—14.32 yards of 4hr. 41min. 17sec.

The holders of the record and the 100 guineas challenge cup were the Birchfield Harriers (Birmingham), who won in 1925 and last year, but they were fairly and squarely beaten on Saturday.

The issue was in doubt until the last stage of six miles, when the last of the ten Hallamshire runners, E. Harper, the National champion, was sent away with a lead of 3½ min., which J. E. Webster, the last Birchfielder and National ex-champion, could not expect to wipe out.

Birchfield Harriers were second in 4hr. 46min. 48sec., and South London Harriers finished third, in 4hr. 52min. 15sec., after a desperate struggle all the way with Herne Hill Harriers.

The record time for the first relay, from Big Ben to Clapham Common, was broken by L. Payne (Hallamshire), the International champion, and C. E. Blewitt, the Birchfield captain, who finished together at that point; and a new record for the Purley-Merstham stage was set up by C. A. Frith (Hallamshire H.).

No greater contrast could be found than in the weather experienced at each end of the run. Palace Yard was covered with pools of water when the runners were despatched, at 11 a.m., and after heavy rain for many miles the competitors were battered by a hailstorm near Purley; but at Brighton there was summer-like weather.

Where the Race was Won.

Frith, who was a reserve in the Hallamshire team, practically won the race for his club by running the fourth stage, from Purley to Merstham, a distance of 5 miles 1,408 yards, in 30min. 3sec., or 64 seconds faster than the existing record. He finished over two minutes ahead of H. C. Holloway (Birchfield), his time at Merstham being 1hr. 46min. 24sec. At Crawley (31½ miles) the difference between Hallamshire and Birchfield was only 88 seconds.

WIMBLEDON TENNIS.

SOME OF THE STARS
THIS YEAR.

The principal centre of interest at Wimbledon this year will be in the men's events, there being no woman player possessing the outstanding merit of Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen who, before her venture into professionalism, was the greatest attraction at the tournament.

Two old champions, W. T. Tilden and G. Patterson of Australia, will probably prove two of the most dangerous competitors to the brilliant French entrants Borotra, Cochet and Brugnon and the South Africa players L. Raymond and J. Condon who played so brilliantly last season.

Among the entries for the women's events is Miss Elizabeth Ryan and the Spanish champion Senorita d'Alvarez who is one of the principal contenders for Suzanne Lenglen's mantle of popularity.

Miss Ryan and the senorita should provide some brilliant matches in their efforts to battle their way to the final and relieve Mrs. L. A. Godfree of her title.

An interesting feature of this season's tournament which starts on June 20th is the entry of a German team for the first time since the war, so with all these champions there should be some of the finest grudge matches ever witnessed at a championship tournament.

The finishing order of the teams was as follows:

1. Hallamshire Harriers (L. Payne, N. Hild, G. A. C. Neal, C. A. Frith, T. H. Hocking, W. D. Smith, J. E. Williams, E. Bowler, C. Fisher, 41min. 17sec.)
2. Birchfield Harriers (C. E. Blewitt, D. Macdonald, P. Holloway, H. C. Holloway, J. W. Dean, F. E. Morson, F. Quinn, J. Sower, W. O. Williams, J. E. Webster, 46min. 48sec.)
3. South London Harriers (B. C. V. O'Brien, E. Pile, W. S. Hill, L. A. Pool, E. D. Hobbs, D. T. Pain, H. V. Knight, J. G. Stubbs, W. T. Marsh, S. E. E. Allsopp, 52min. 15sec.)
4. Herne Hill Harriers (4hr. 46min. 48sec.)
5. Surrey Athletic Club (4hr. 50min. 11sec.)
6. Cambridge Harriers (4hr. 50min. 62sec.)
7. Highbury Harriers (4hr. 50min. 7sec.)
8. Wandford Green A.C. (4hr. 51min. 21sec.)
9. Hampstead Harriers (4hr. 51min. 53sec.)
10. Slough Athletic Club (4hr. 52min. 47sec.)
11. Polytechnic Harriers (4hr. 54min. 64sec.)
12. Essex Harriers (4hr. 54min. 25sec.)
13. Hoveham Blue Star Harriers (4hr. 54min. 50sec.)
14. Michigan Athletic Club (4hr. 54min. 64sec.)
15. Achilles Club (4hr. 54min. 10sec.)
16. Mary Ward Athletic Club (4hr. 54min. 11sec.)
17. Delcra Harriers (4hr. 54min. 17sec.)
18. Loughborough Athletic Club (4hr. 54min. 18sec.)
19. North London Harriers (4hr. 54min. 50sec.)
20. Epsom Harriers (4hr. 54min. 17sec.)

VINE'S 70-FT. BRANCHES.

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Rome.—The technical agricultural paper *Piacenza* gives details of what is believed to be the world's most remarkable vine.

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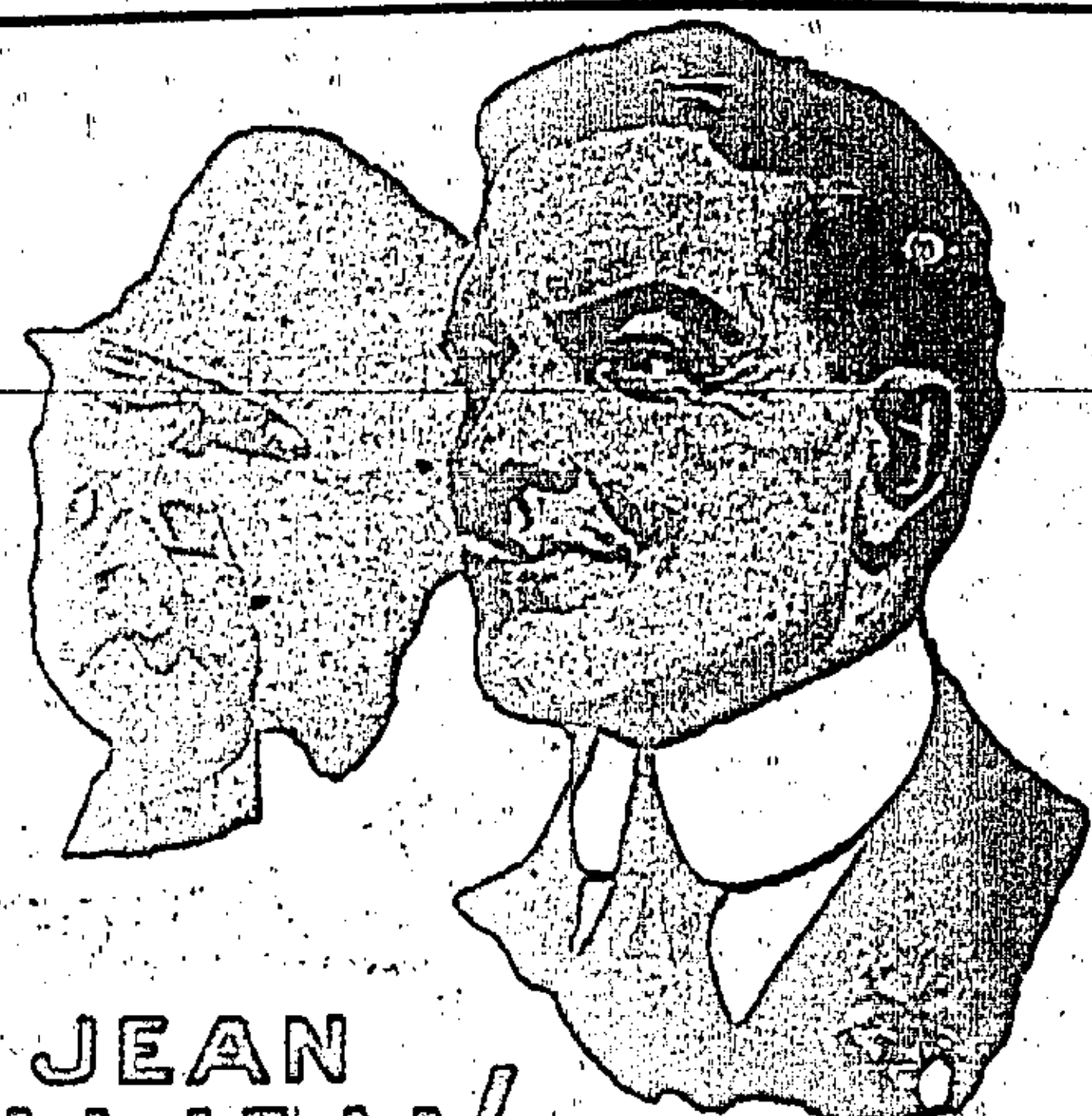
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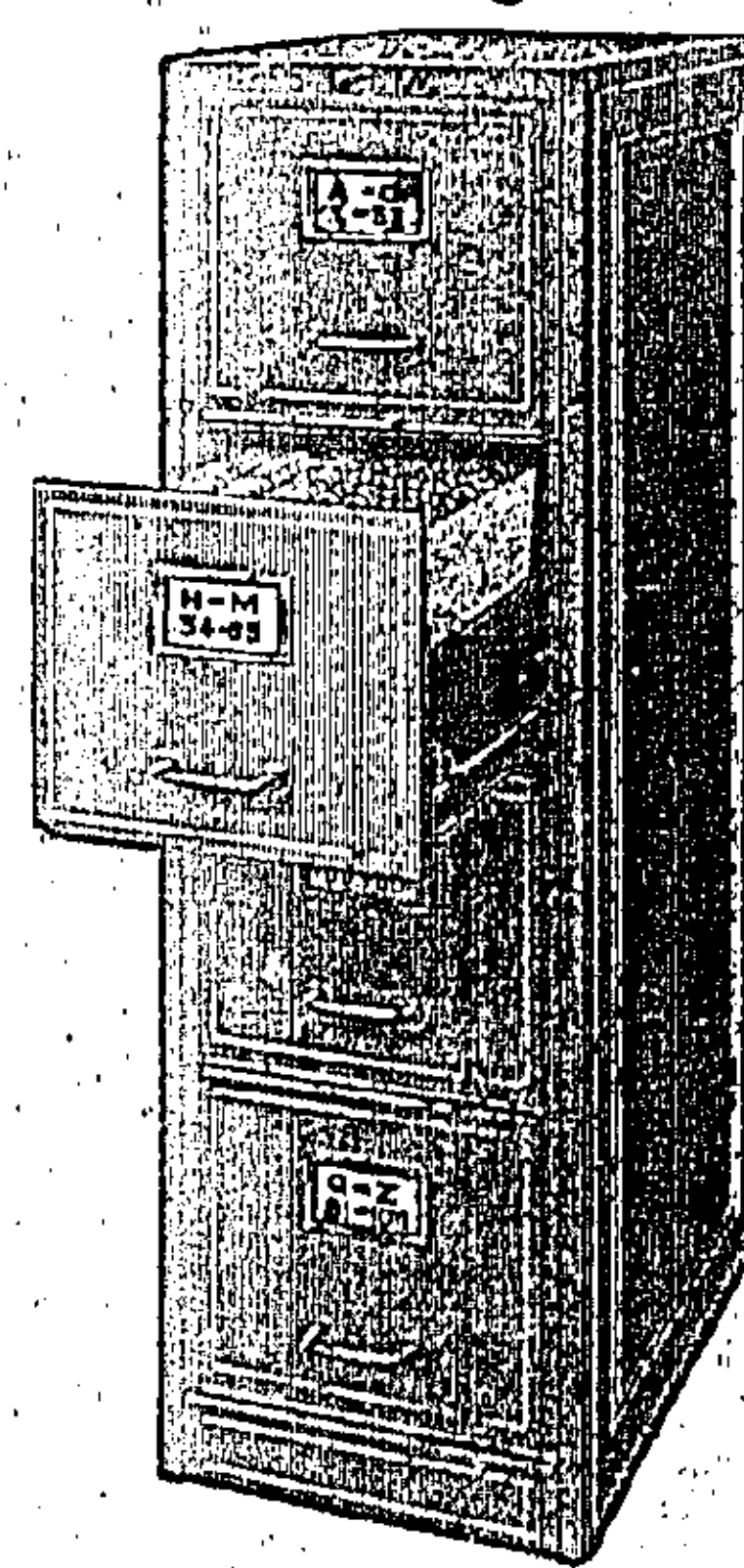
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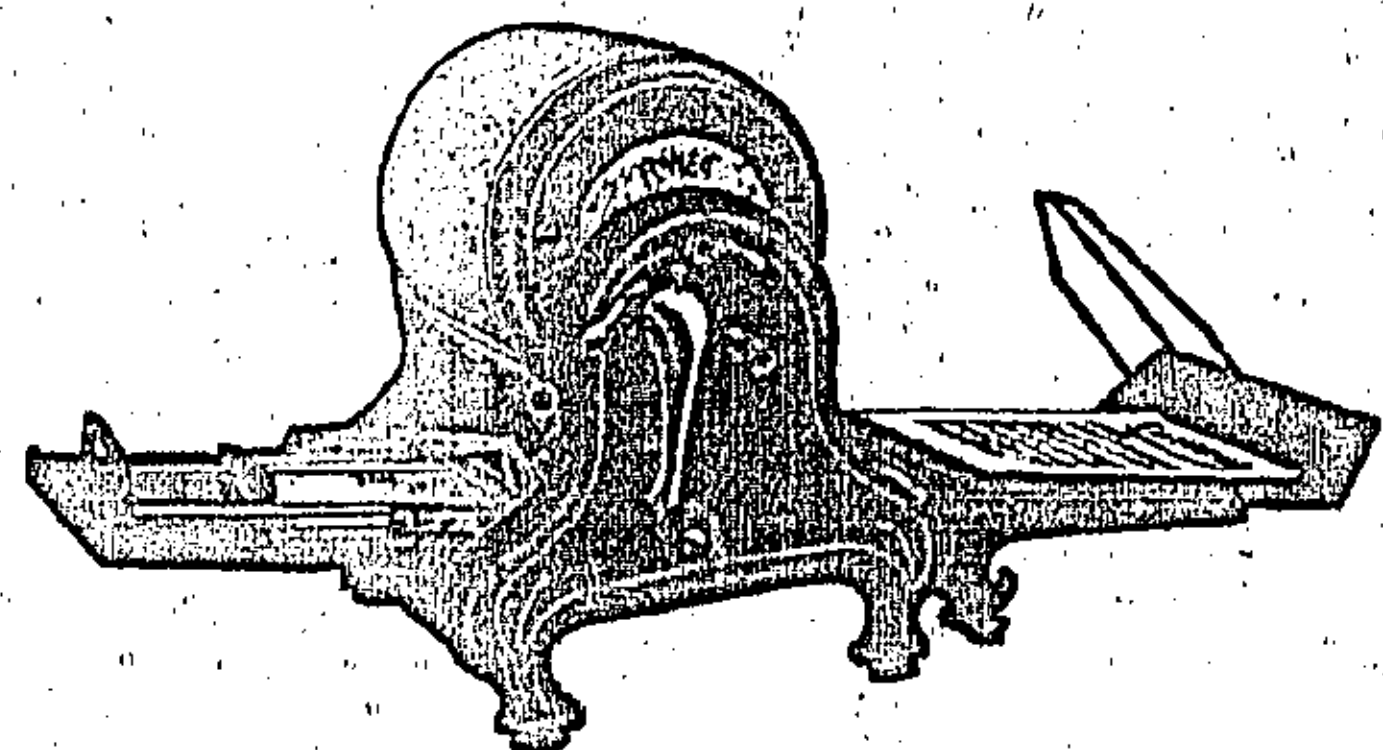
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HONGKONG SHARES.

COURT SEQUEL TO LOCAL SHARE MARKET CRISIS.

In H. B. M. Supreme Court at Shanghai on May 11, before Judge Peter, Grail, judgment was reserved in the case, in which a sharebroker's liability is involved, when a principal's name (buyer or seller) is or is not divulged before or at the time when a share contract or purchase note is signed by the respective brokers or clients.

The plaintiff is Emanuel E. Ellis, stock and share broker and a member of the firm of Ellis and Co., of Shanghai, and the defendants are Harry O. Odell and Jack Behar, also stock and share brokers, formerly of Hongkong but now residing in Shanghai.

The plaintiff was represented by Mr. M. Rander Harris, of White Paper and Co., and defendants are represented by Mr. R. N. Macleod, of Watt and Co.

The case arises out of the financial crisis which obtained in Hongkong during 1926 and the amount involved in this action is Hongkong \$64,821.

When the court rose on Tuesday afternoon, the second defendant was the course of being cross-examined by Mr. Rander Harris and his cross-examination was continued.

In reply to questions put by plaintiff's counsel, witness said that he sold the shares to clients for plaintiff and he gave a sale note to Lamert Bros. (one of the buyers). He admitted that by so doing he rendered himself personally liable to buyers to deliver the shares but he did not consider himself liable to the plaintiff if buyers failed or went into bankruptcy.

Counsel:—Then your case really rests on this: You are not responsible to the man who is selling but only to the buyer to deliver the shares. What do you mean then when you write on the contract "I undertake myself personally responsible to carry out the contract"—is it a lie or is it true?

Witness:—I do not know whether am responsible.

Different Form for Broker.

Therefore if your legal position is that, it is—you are replying on a truth in one of your documents: I cannot answer that.

Suppose you are selling to a client and not to a broker, don't you use the same form of contract—No, we use a different one.

I put it to you that is a deliberate lie—can you produce this form of contract?—Well, the wording may be the same.

Referring to a letter written by the witness in which was stated "we will give you a credit note legally signed by me from all liability," counsel asked witness:—What liability were you referring to—you say you have no liability?—I was merely doubly protecting myself.

But you say you are freeing yourself from liability, what liability?—There was no answer from witness to this question and counsel produced an account rendered to defendants by plaintiff which showed another account due to plaintiff of \$11,000, which witness admitted was due.

Witness then admitted liability in respect of some shares set out in "carrying note."

Desire for Double Freedom.

Why are you responsible on this "carrying note" if you are not liable on the sale note?—Why don't you put on the carrying note that you are responsible?

There was no answer from witness to this question.

Did you sell some 50,000 H. and S. stock shares for plaintiff during December 1924?—Yes.

OFF TO SHANGHAI.

SIR MILES LAMPSON LEAVES PEKING.

Peking, May 16.
Sir Miles Lampson and party left Peking for Shanghai this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

gird to these shares. Regarding the \$3,000, witness said that in January, 1926, Ellis had asked him for a loan of Tls. 1,000 and he had given it to him. He thought, however, that Mr. Ellis should do something for him and it was agreed that \$3,000 should be knocked off the settlement of 1,000 Hongkong tramway shares. Witness was certain that the \$3,000 was not to be knocked off when all settlements had been completed. He remembered showing the note to Mr. Victor Gensburger. He could not explain how the note had been lost and he was now making inquiries. Witness had done further business with plaintiff during 1926 and the plaintiff had failed to meet his obligations to witness. It had been definitely agreed between witness and plaintiff that the new business should have nothing to do with the old outstanding. "I have, however," continued witness, "always tried to get the buyers of these shares to meet Ellis and to this day I have been trying—I do not propose, however, to work for Ellis all my life."

This concluded witness' examination-in-chief, and counsel for the plaintiff commenced his cross-examination.

Mr. Gensburger's Opinion.

After commenting on the fact that the pleadings showed a different construction of the \$3,000 affair than that placed upon it by witness, and eliciting from witness that he had seen the defendants' pleadings in Hongkong before they were filed in the court here, counsel asked witness why he showed the note to Mr. Gensburger, witness replying that Mr. Gensburger was an old friend of his and he wanted to ask his opinion about the matter.

What did Mr. Gensburger say?—He said I was an idiot to lend Ellis Tls. 1,000.

Oh! How much do you owe Mr. Ellis?—Witness.—This account shows Tls. 41,000—I don't admit responsibility in respect of the contracts Mr. Ellis is now claiming for.

Do you know Mr. P. Tester of Hongkong?—Yes. He is chairman of the Stock exchange.

Do you agree with what Mr. P. Tester said in a recent case in Hongkong that when the buyer's name is disclosed it is put on the sale note?—I do not agree with Mr. Tester's statement. He is not an authority on Stock exchange law.

Witness agreed, however, that a buyer is not bound to accept a purchaser whose name has been disclosed by a broker. Witness said that he did not take Mr. Ellis' letters seriously and that was why he did not reply and deny responsibility.

A letter which Mr. Ellis wrote to you says: "Why don't you hold these people to their contracts, the same as I am holding you to yours?" What did he mean by that do you

CHANG TSO-LIN.

TO CONFER WITH MILITARY LEADERS.

Peking, May 16.
Chang Tso-lin is intending to leave Peking about May 20 on a trip to Pengpu and afterwards Honan, in order to investigate and discuss the situation with military leaders. It is expected he will be absent from Peking for ten days.—*Reuter.*

think? I don't know what he meant.

Another letter says that Mr. Ellis is going to deliver the shares. Why did you not write and deny liability?—I settled the September "Trams."

Plaintiff's Brother Inquires.

What about the August "Trams"?—I was always working on them. When the advertisement appeared in the Hongkong papers announcing a dissolution of partnership between you and Mr. Behar, did you not receive a letter from plaintiff's brother asking what you intended to do about a settlement?—Yes.

And did you not reply that you hoped shortly to make a proposition? Yes. On behalf of my clients.

What about Lammerts?—You know as well as I do, Mr. Harris, that Lammerts went bankrupt and paid two cents. I took counsel's opinion which was to the effect that I could go to Lammerts' clients.

This completed the first defendant's evidence.

Mr. Gensburger's Evidence.

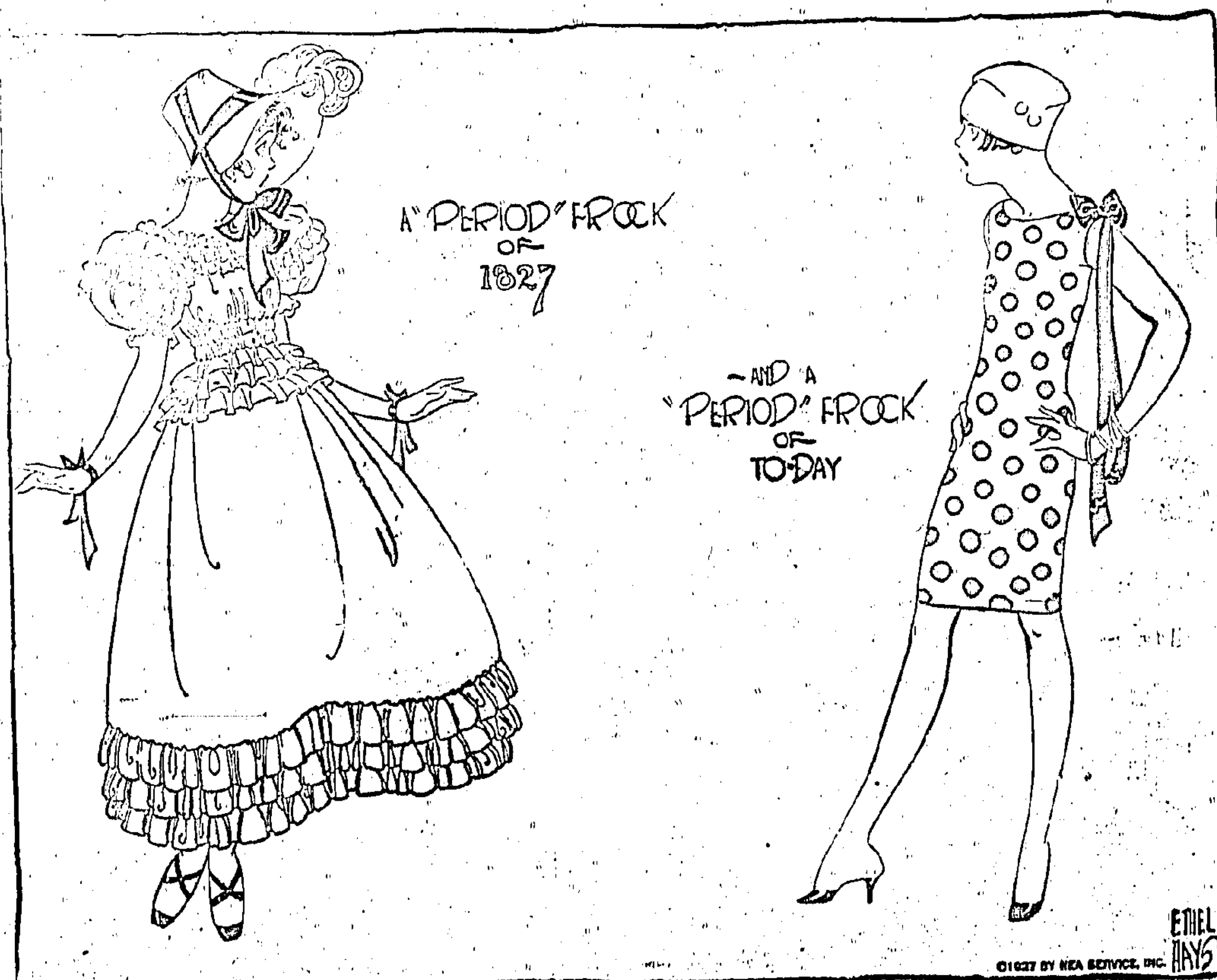
Mr. Victor D. Gensburger was then called and stated that he remembered Mr. Odell showing him the note for \$3,000. It was sometime after settlement day in January, 1926. He was quite sure that it referred to the 1,000 Trams. Cross-examined witness said that the note did not state that \$3,000 was to be allowed when all the Trams were settled. Asked how he could remember the incident so well, witness said that \$3,000 was such a small amount to have given as an allowance against all the share transactions. It was well known that Emmanuel Ellis said that defendants owed him large sums of money. "Everybody in Hongkong owed money on account of the smash and all brokers were involved after June, 1926," concluded witness.

Grammatical Nonsense.

Counsel then addressed His Lordship, reviewing the evidence at length and citing reported cases and the law. In this connexion it is interesting to note that both counsel agreed that the wording of clause 55 of the Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association, which refers to the liability of members in regard to transactions, and which appears on the back of the sale notes or contracts, is not sense grammatically. There is a direct antithesis, said Mr. Macleod, and the word "for" in the last line but two must obviously be substituted by the word "to". Counsel was reading from the clause as printed on the back of the sale notes.

Judgment was reserved, his Lordship remarking that he would deliver judgment as soon as possible.

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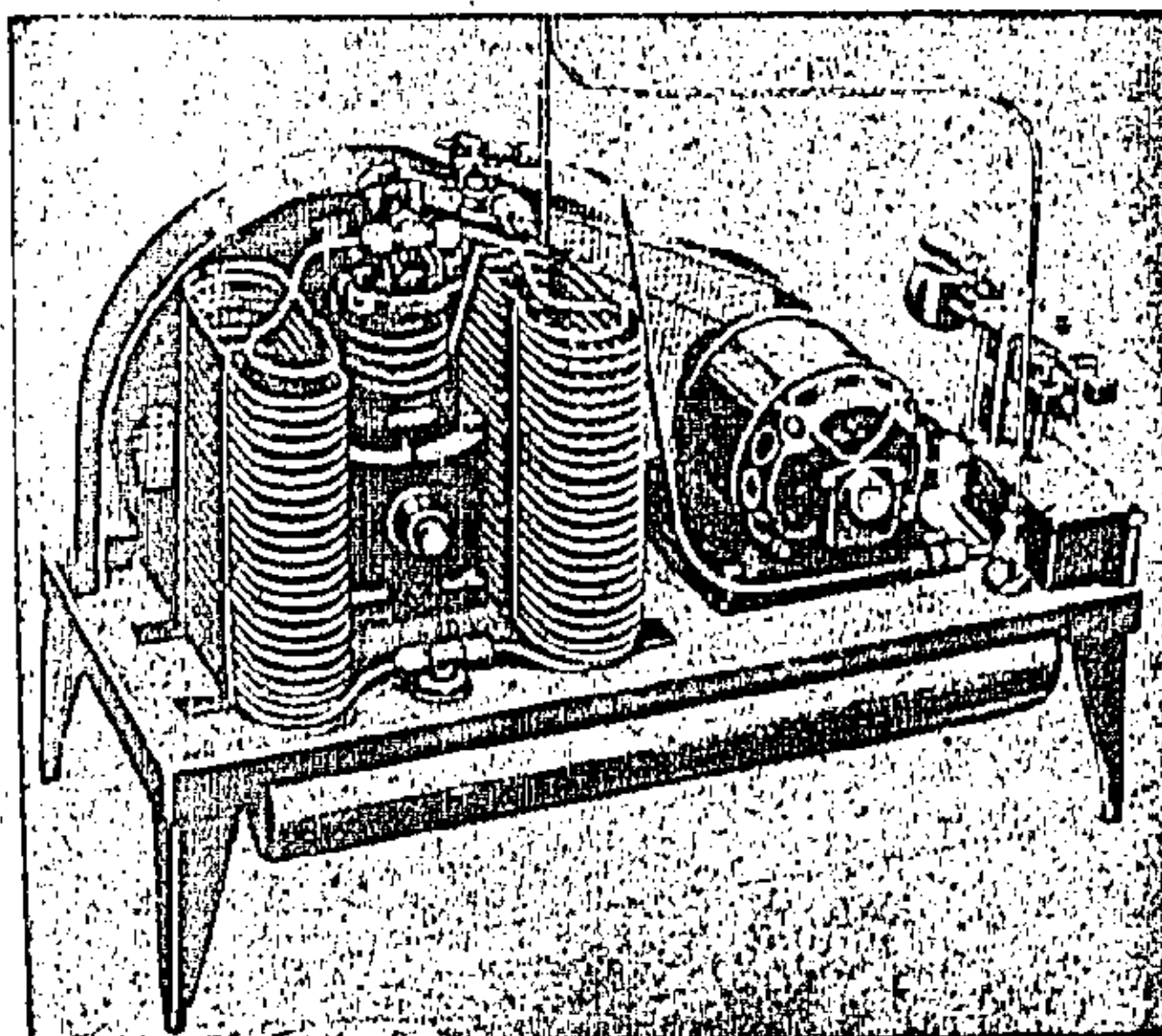
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THE MORTGAGE CASE.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S HEARING.

That a man, on attaining the age of 21, was capable of an intelligence as acute and astute as that of a man of far greater age, was the contention of Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who, instructed by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson, is appearing for the defendant in the mortgage case, which was continued before Mr. Justice Wood at the Supreme Court, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, is appearing for the complainants.

Infants' Law.

Prior to calling evidence, which will be given by five witnesses, Mr. Jenkin addressed the court during the afternoon session, when he urged that the plaintiffs ought to have known or must have known the nature of the deeds they signed.

Referring to the position of infants according to English law, he said he would like to dispel a view which might perhaps have been in His Lordship's mind that there was something magic about minority. One learned author had suggested that the peculiar rule of English law had probably been adopted by analogy from the Feudal law, that a man of 21 should be regarded as full grown because it was assumed at that stage he had sufficient strength to serve his lord in the wars, and because of that it was suggested that 21 became the full age standard.

It would appear in early days that it was muscle or militarism more than mind which really fixed the passage of a male from minority to majority. He did not know why it was so, because other dates had been taken for other purposes.

Astute Juveniles.

When however it came to a question as to whether or not any lad under the age of 21 could be capable of an intelligence as acute and astute as that of a man of far greater age, there could be no question at all.

After quoting the ages dealt with in criminal law from the age of seven years, Mr. Jenkin went on to say that when it came to the consideration that the two plaintiffs knew, or should have known what they were doing, His Lordship would have to cast out of his mind any view that might arise, that on a man's 21st birthday he had some entirely different kind of intelligence than he had the night before. Many persons under 21, he added, were as brilliant as many other men were or ever would be in the whole of their existence.

The first plaintiff, Lo Kwong-lam was 75 days off his 21st birthday, and the second plaintiff, Lo Kwong-hin about eighteen months. Mr. Jenkin contended that at that age they were unquestionably of such intelligence, that they knew or should have known what was taking place on February 10th, 1925 when the mortgage papers were signed.

If a man, whatever his age was of an age of intelligence that he could execute a deed he could do so if he liked, but if he took up the attitude that he did not acquaint himself with the deed or did not care, then the law did not permit him to shelter himself. He would show that on the date of the mortgage, the plaintiffs were of such intelligence and experience that they should have known or must have known what they were doing.

Plaintiffs Received Share.

Mr. Jenkin also contended that each of the parties received the equivalent of the money, and he could show that by the evidence of the plaintiffs themselves. The brothers agreed the market price of the property was eight lakhs, and if they deducted from that the whole of the mortgage money, it might be that they had not received a cent of that, then they would be getting the equivalent of \$66,000 each. If they took in the second mortgage, which made five lakhs altogether, and deducted that amount they would still get something like \$50,000 each.

His Lordship said he thought they had better leave out the second mortgage for the purposes of the case, and referred to the question as to whether the mortgage was prejudicial to the plaintiffs, as they alleged inasmuch as to whether they had the right, if they were sued for the whole amount, to bring the other brothers into the action, or to recover after execution.

Mr. Jenkin said it was a serious point but the mere fact that one obligation under a contract was clearly prejudicial did not make the whole so.

DEATH INQUIRIES.

OLD MAN DIES IN HOSPITAL.

An inquiry was held by Major C. Willson yesterday touching the death of an old man who died in the Government Civil Hospital on May 5. The deceased was knocked down in Queen's Road West near Whitty Street by Sergeant Scrim on the 21st April last at 6 p.m.

According to the story told by Sergeant Scrim, he was riding motor cycle 433, an A. J. S. Combination which instead of a sidecar had a dog's cage at its side.

The accident took place where the road turned near the Gas Works. The Sergeant swerved to avoid a man and in doing so the dog cage got undone which caused the machine to fall over and pin the sergeant down. The deceased was not the man whom the sergeant avoided. He was seen at the time of the machine swerving to be standing some six yards away and near the side of the road. He was struck by the dog's cage. There was a pillion passenger at the time and he verified the sergeant's story.

The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Medical evidence showed that the man developed pneumonia in the hospital and in the post mortem examination it was found that besides multiple injuries death was also caused by hypostatic pneumonia.

The inquiry into the motor lorry accident at Shauiwan was also concluded yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death and attached no blame to the chauffeur.

DARING ROBBERY.

THE ATTACK ON MR. GEDDES.

Liing Kiu-kuang, Tsu Keng-pao and Zeng Sai-sie were arraigned before Messrs. Nien and Baudet, Magistrate and Assessor in the French Mixed Court, Shanghai, in connexion with the daring robbery which occurred at the home of Mr. J. Geddes, an elderly resident of Hankow, in Avenue du Roi Albert, last March.

M. Brouil, the Police Prosecutor, appeared for the French Municipal Council and the accused were, not legally represented.

The entire morning was taken up with the reading of lengthy statements which had been made by the accused to the police in which they confessed their complicity. From these, it would appear that one of their number was in the habit of going to Mr. Geddes' house to spy for information. This having been obtained, they went together to the place where they bound the servants with ropes, and, at the point of the pistol, demanded large sums of money from Mr. Geddes, who was held prisoner for nearly 24 hours. They admitted having shared the money, \$1,700 of which was found in their possession at the time of their arrest.

Accused, having formally been identified, pleaded guilty and they were ordered to be remanded in custody, pending sentence.

MANILA'S GROWTH.

BIG INCREASE IN THE POPULATION.

Manila, May 10. Manila has grown in population by 4,128 inhabitants in the first quarter of this year, according to statistics now being compiled at the Philippine Health Service. Last year there were 310,296 people in the city.

During the first three months of 1927, however, the population increased to 320,394. The following are the number of persons of different nationalities residing here at present: Americans 3,134, Filipinos 294,137, Spaniards 1,965, other Europeans 1,120, Chinese 17,860, others 2,180, total 320,394.

Mr. Potter said he thought if one paid he could recover contributions from the others.

His Lordship:—I think that may be the answer.

Mr. Potter:—It may not be.

Mr. Jenkin contended he did not think the covenant was a prejudicial one because of the plaintiffs' rights in other matters.

It reply to His Lordship Mr. Jenkin said he was not sure whether the mortgage interest was at the market rate, as during the times of stress it had varied considerably. He would however get that information for His Lordship.

Mr. Jenkin then went on to quote from authorities, after which the case was adjourned until to-day.

BILLIARDS.

CAPTAIN BARRETT EASILY DEFEATED.

R.C.K. Johnson, on the Town Hall table, at Shanghai, defeated Capt. E. I. M. Barrett in the second of the semi-finals for the Shanghai Billiard Championship.

Unfortunately, it did not prove to be anything like so interesting a match as had been anticipated, as during the greater part Barrett was distinctly off form and eventually was somewhat easily defeated by 1,000-775. Barrett started well enough with 23 from the opening miss, following with 17, but thereafter for a long time he did nothing and his only breaks of note were 22, 35 and 21. Johnson, on the other hand, apart from safety misses, only went seven times to the table without scoring and registered breaks of 34, 30, 21, 82, 37, 46, 53 and 28.

Johnson was 435 when Barrett passed 100 and made his points for the first session at 500-244.

Barrett improved considerably after dinner, but at no time did he seriously menace the champion. For a while Johnson's best breaks were 32 and 49 and Barrett, assisted by 22, 49 and a studied 62, got to within 200. Johnson then settled down to a splendid effort of 120, mainly red losers to the middle pockets.

Then came Barrett's brightest patch with 25, 20, 49 and at last a very fine break of 81 in his best and most confident style. Johnson, who meanwhile had not done better than 33 and 49, again formed his lead down to 200, but a 25 took him to 900 and he had little to fear. During the rest of the play Barrett could not do better than 35 and Johnson, who had been missing a lot of easy things, eventually settled down and ran to his points with a carefully played 63 (unfinished), being so determined to end it that he successfully negotiated several shots which ordinarily he would not risk. The final score was 1,000-775.

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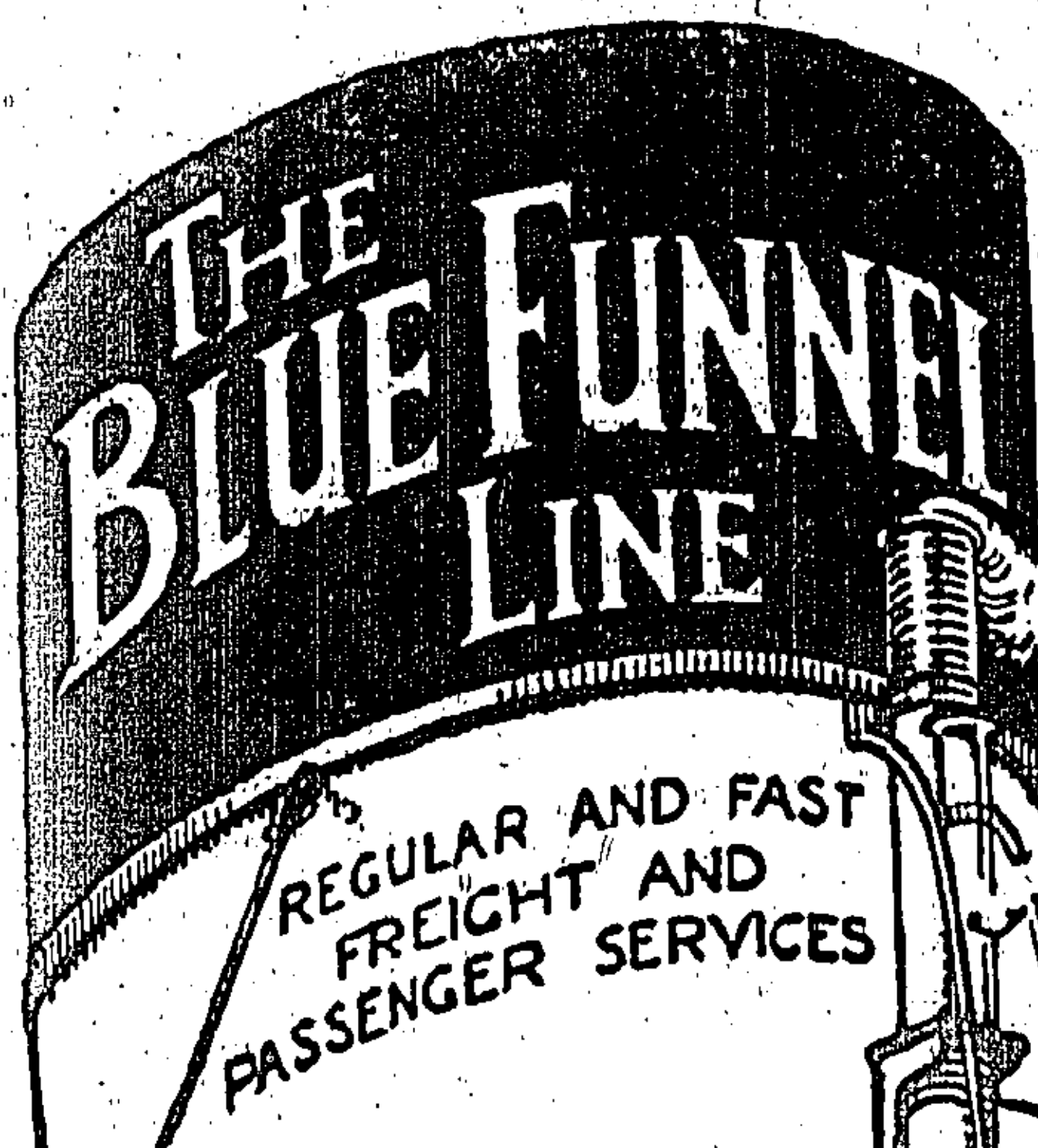
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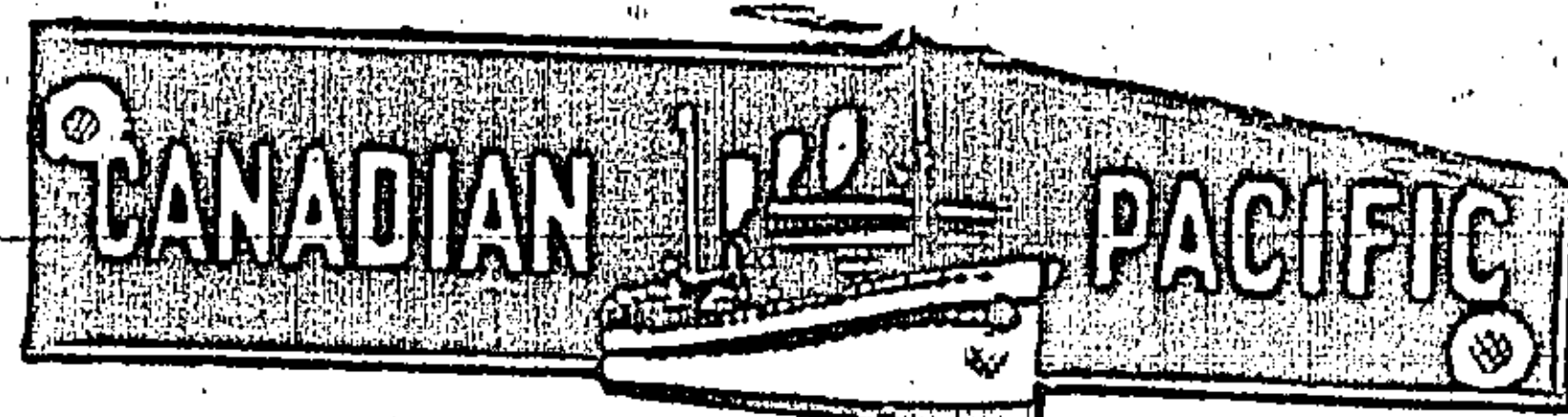
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July 5	San Francisco	Majestic	Aug. 6	C'brg-S'hmpn Aug. 12
July 13	Seattle	Berengaria	Aug. 10	C'brg-S'hmpn Aug. 16
July 19	San Francisco	Leviathan	Aug. 20	P'mth-C'brg Aug. 26
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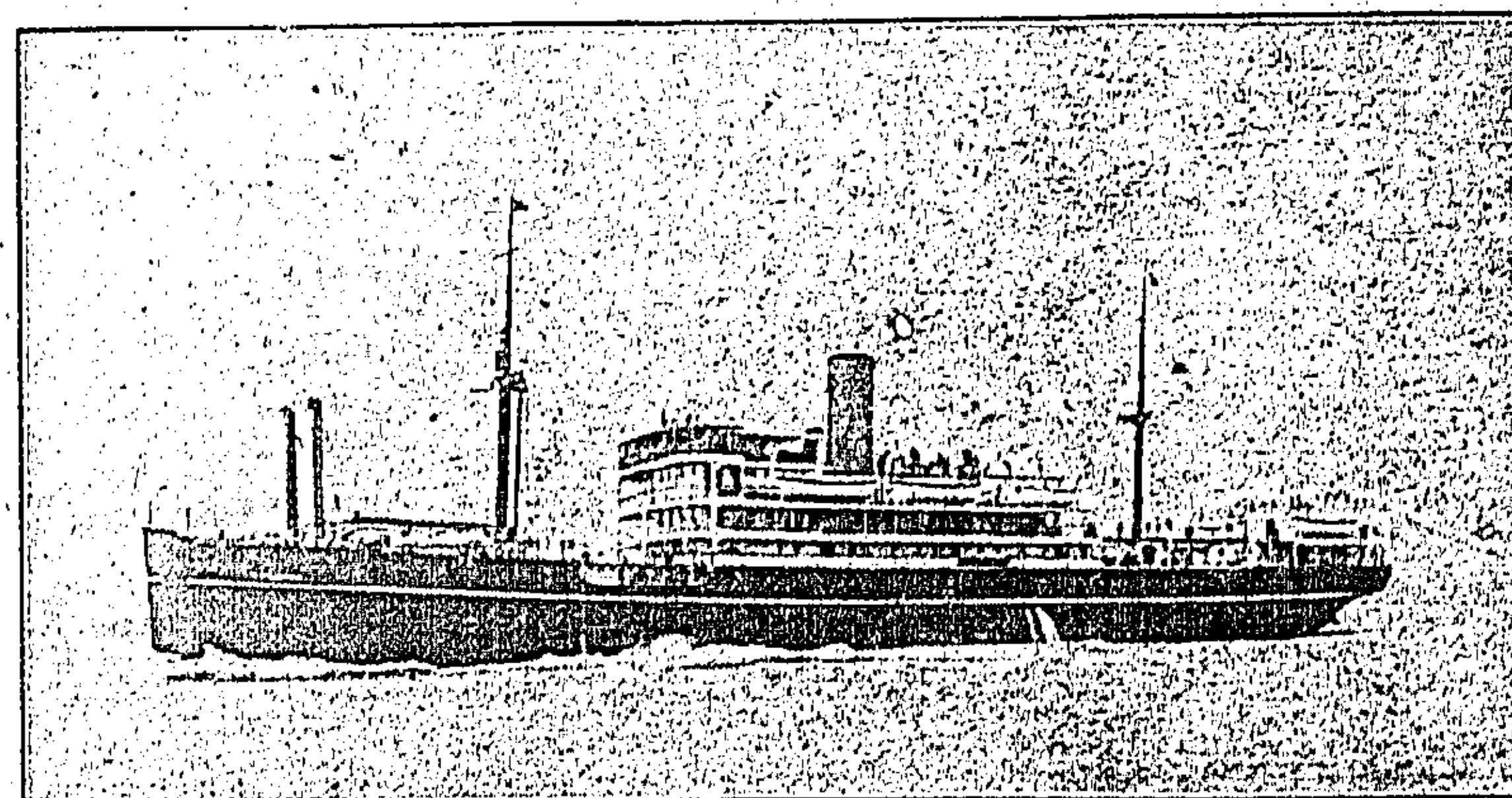
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RABIES VICTIM DIES IN STREET.

Warsaw.—There was a sensational occurrence here at the Pasteur Institute.
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in Warsaw the police chained the manacled sufferer in a ramshackle cart filled with straw. The journey occupied 24 hours.
As it was Sunday no doctor was at the Institute to attend to the man, who remained outside, and after many hours of suffering died in the street chained to the cart.
Crowds, attracted by the sufferer's cries, surrounded the cart, and were so incensed because no doctor arrived that they almost demolished the Institute.

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SOUND ASSETS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The crux of the whole situation unquestionably rests with London, and any improvement there would act as a tonic to marine insurance throughout the World. The ramifications of underwriters in the United Kingdom extend to all lands and amongst all peoples, at present to the detriment of rates. Whilst admiring their enterprise, there are times when we cannot but feel, I speak for our local field only, that it would be better for all concerned were they to obtain a more accurate appreciation of the risks they so lightly undertake at the lowest of rates.

In addition to the difficulties of marine insurance generally, we have of course to face a serious fall in premium income arising from the decrease in trade which necessarily results from the chaotic state of affairs in Shanghai and the Yangtze Valley, already referred to.

No Undue Strain Likely.

It is difficult to predict what lies ahead of us but thanks to the cautious policy adopted in the past, the Company is in a position comfortably to weather a few lean years without feeling any undue strain.

Turning now to the accounts it will be seen that the premium income for the year 1925 shows an increase of approximately \$335,000 over that for the preceding year; this is entirely due to the lower rate of exchange, viz.—1/11½, at which we converted our sterling income on the 31st December last, compared with 2/4½ for the previous year. The final balance of this Account is less by the sum of \$245,718.36 than that for the year 1924. The ratios for losses and for commission and charges work out at 69.98% respectively, as against 59.15% and 20.34% for the year 1924.

The balance at credit of working account for 1925 is \$2,351,296.94 as against \$1,970,269.65 for 1925. This increase is also due to the fall in sterling exchange and it must therefore be remembered that it will require more dollars to pay for sterling losses. This working account has a further twelve months to run and, though it is early yet to forecast the final result, I may say we anticipate it will be satisfactory having regard to existing conditions.

Sound Assets.

Our assets expressed in sterling stand at \$1,147,200-0-9 as against \$1,229,661-3-7 last year, a decrease of \$82,461-2-10. But on the other hand in Hongkong Dollars they show an increase of \$1,315,427.08. Both fall and rise are due to exchange.

The underwriting suspense account is in a very sound position and stands at \$118,210-18-6 as compared with \$103,408-15-8 at the same date last year, an increase of \$14,802-1-10. It is essential that we maintain this Reserve in a strong position so as to be able to meet all demands that can possibly be made on it.

The Reinsurance Fund stands at \$2,363,670.18 as against \$1,903,649.62 for 1925, an increase of \$460,020.56.

The Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account shows a decrease of \$268,169.13. The drop is due to the fall in the market value of gold and silver investments, the lower rate of sterling exchange on the 31st December, and to the high cross rate, between Hongkong and Shanghai, at the end of the year. The balance of \$754,978.77 at credit of this Reserve is ample.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$854,362.81, out of which has been paid an interim dividend of \$18 per share. We now recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$22, the same as last year, and the transfer of the balance, amounting to \$454,362.81, to underwriting suspense account to close the year 1925. The balance of \$2,351,296.94 at credit of 1925 account allows of the payment of the usual interim dividend of \$18 for that year.

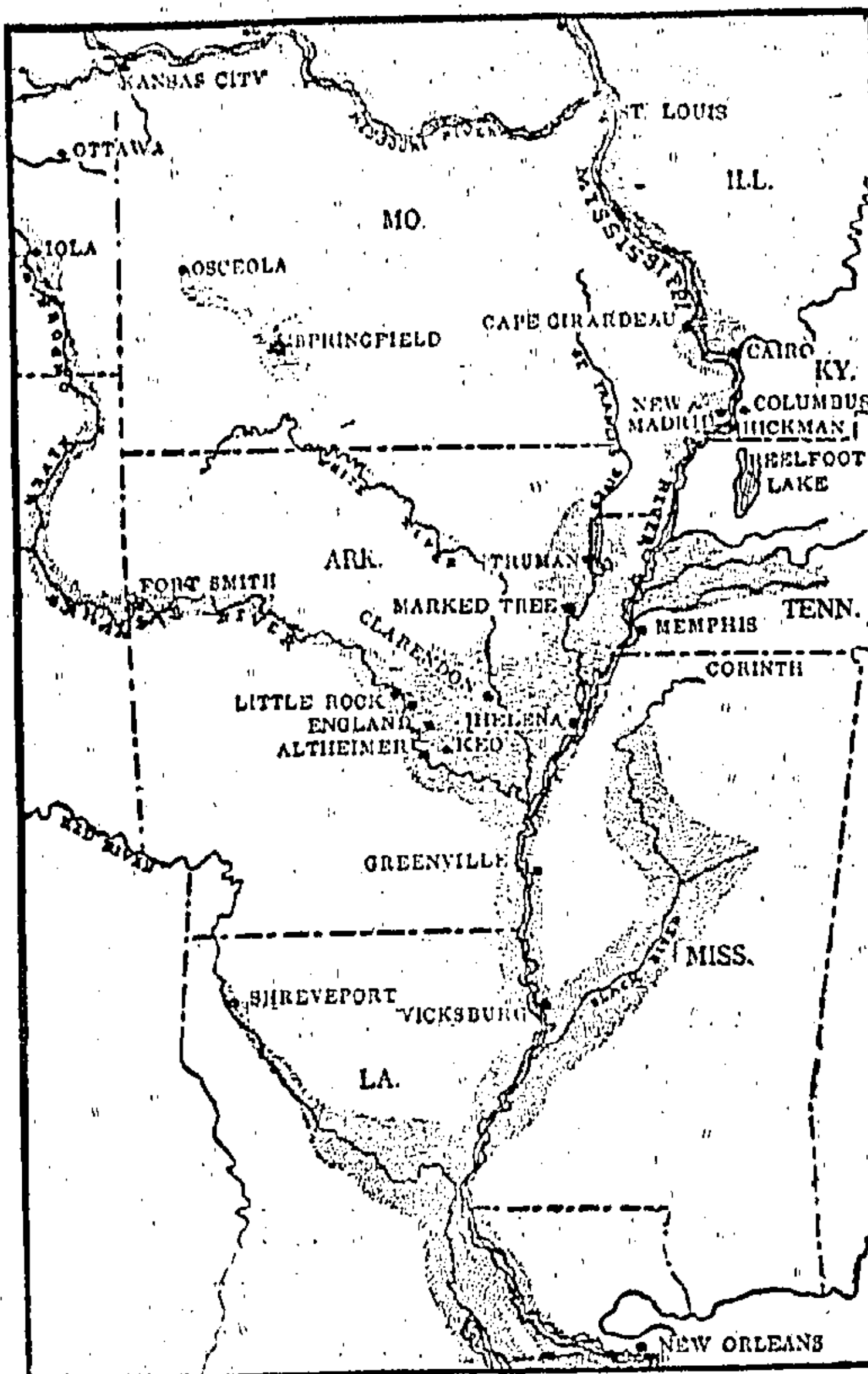
I do not think there is anything further that calls for special comment, but I shall be pleased to answer, to the best of my ability, any question arising out of the accounts which shareholders may wish to put, after the adoption of the report and accounts has been duly seconded.

I now propose that following resolution: "That the Report and Accounts as presented, including the payment of a final dividend in respect of the year 1925 of \$22 per share, and of an interim dividend in respect of the year 1926 of \$18 per share, and the addition of \$454,362.81 to Underwriting Suspense Account be adopted and passed."

Mr. Ho Kom-tong seconded, and the resolution was unanimously carried.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. A.H. Compton, L. Dunbar, A.S. Gubbay, Henry Humphreys, T.E. Pearce and H.P. White were re-elected to the Consulting Com-

MISSISSIPPI FLOOD REGION.



This map shows the vast area affected by the Mississippi valley floods. The shaded parts indicate inundated regions. Cables to-day report an extension of the affected districts.

AMOK TRAGEDY.

TERRIBLE CRIME IN PERAK.

Ipoh, May 10.—Further details of the Kuala Kangsar amok disclose that it was one of the most gruesome and bloodthirsty affairs in the history of such crimes.

Kulop Mat Daud, who is notorious in cock-fighting circles in the village of Lubok Merbau, near Kati, six miles from Kuala Kangsar, appears to have proceeded about his work of slaughter in a most cool-blooded fashion.

Monday being H.H. the Sultan's birthday, most of the village Malays left early for the Kuala Kangsar celebrations. About nine o'clock in the morning shots were unexpectedly heard near Kulop's house. Then the latter entered the house of Che Shariff, a retired surveyor, who owns a 50 acres rubber estate, and fired twice, mortally wounding Che Shariff.

Chinese Women Victims. He then stepped on to the main road to Upper Perak and killed two Chinese shopkeepers who appeared, and also two Chinese women.

He then walked down the road and fired at the driver of an approaching lorry. The driver was killed instantaneously and the lorry was overturned.

Kulop next shot the Malay driver of a fire car, also killing the passengers. The car overturned. Another car was also fired at.

Shot Dead. Kulop then entered the jungle. When police reinforcements arrived they patrolled and formed a cordon in the locality, but Kulop evaded all attempts at capture and escaped for the night.

He was brought to bay later, however, on a lonely limestone cliff near Padang Rengas railway station. More police were summoned and formed a cordon at the spot, starting organised stalking. Kulop, apparently, had plenty of ammunition and defied capture till noon, when he was shot dead by an Ipoh constable. The body was brought to Kuala Kangsar this afternoon.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the answers to to-day's questions:
1. Charles Dickens. 2. Dr. Washington. 3. Freud by the master or crowd of a ship to the injury of the owners. 4. Bon de Beaumont, a French adventurer of 1728-1810, commonly believed to be a woman. 5. A centre for which the tenant has nothing to show but the copy of the rolls made when famous Roman ruler, and Frederick the Great. 7. Samuel Butler (died 1632); title is "No more" overheard and book is a satire on evolution. 8. Bird of the shrub family. 9. In 1400, about October 25. 10. Pyramids. 11. Heliogabalus at Babylon, statue of Zeus at Olympia. 12. Temple of Artemis at Ephesus. 13. Pharaoh of Alexandria. 14. Antioch. 15. Roman admiral, Caracalla, who threw off allegiance to Rome in 218.

mittee on the proposition of Mr. Lo Cheung-shui, seconded by Mr. R. A. Dastur.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants were ready, and obtainable on application.

A UNIFIED JAPAN TO MEET TROUBLE.

CHINA QUESTION NOW IN BACKGROUND.

SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT.

Tokyo, May 1.

The ability of the Japanese nation to forget private feuds and factional quarrels and to weld themselves into a harmonious and homogeneous whole, when confronted with a grave crisis, again has been vividly illustrated. All shades of political opinion, both public and private, have sunk their differences and it can be said without exaggeration that the whole country is united in extending every possible support to the Tanaka Government to enable it to tide over the present economic impasse.

All Parties United.

Parliament has been convened for a short extraordinary session to sanction the approval of emergency financial measures which will run up to a grand total of ¥907,000,000. This approval virtually has been obtained. Japan's parliament is yet more or less of a toy and the convening of the Diet to secure approval for the proposed emergency financial measures was more a matter of form, a sop to convention, than anything else. The Ministry in power, invited all parliamentary leaders to a private banquet given by Baron Tanaka and explained to them the grave nature of the crisis confronting the country.

The Government spokesmen declared that the national credit and prestige of Japan abroad were at stake and that a serious domestic crisis was likely to eventuate unless all parties united in giving the authorities the fullest possible co-operation. Paltry tactics, at this time, it was insisted, would have unpropitious effects on the country at large and what the country's leaders to-day had to do was of a nature that transcended party politics. Special emphasis was laid on the statement that, at such a juncture as the present, it was the bounden duty of all true and loyal Japanese to back the Government to the utmost.

The party leaders pledged the Ministry support, returned to their respective political folds and instructed their followers to put no obstacles in the way of the Government's measures. Thus, the Tanaka Cabinet already virtually had secured approval for the emergency financial measures, even before parliament met. This extraordinary and very welcome unity in times of peace also proves that the crisis hovering over Japan is replete with very grave possibilities and that this seriousness is not belittled by responsible leaders.

Government's New Strength.

The Government's forces in Parliament have begun to increase. When the Tanaka Ministry took office, the strength of its adherents, numerically, was far below that of the combined Opposition parties. Since the Government's appeal for unity, the ranks of the Seiyukai (Government party) have been growing stronger and, at the time of writing, the respective strengths of the Government forces and of the combined Opposition forces stand at 215 to 243. Further additions to the Government side are expected before the present session of the Diet is over.

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Although the moratorium and the announcement that the Government is taking effective steps to remedy the financial situation have resulted in allaying the wave of hysteria—almost of panic—that swept the entire country some ten days or so ago, there is yet a strong undercurrent of restlessness. The public still is apprehensive of further crises, and all conversation to-day is tinged with references to the economic situation, such references being far from optimistic, despite the propaganda of the authorities that all would come out well in the end. The Bank of Japan's note issue reached its climax on April 25, totalling ¥2,659,000,000. This decreased to ¥2,036,000,000 five days later. There have been subsequent decreases, but of a comparatively insignificant amount. No one is able to tell, with any degree of accuracy, when the note issue will return to the normal figure, which is somewhere in the neighbourhood of ¥1,200,000,000.

Heavier Annual Expenditure.

The expenditure of ¥907,000,000, which the emergency financial measures necessitate, it is estimated will increase the annual expenditure by ¥50,000,000 annually. This includes the interest on the loan bonds to be issued in

favour of the Bank of Japan to cover such losses. The principal, which totals nearly a billion yen, will, it is feared, have to remain unredeemed for many years and, even if it does not threaten the country's national finance, is expected to put many an obstacle before the various schemes of the authorities for the further industrialization and modernization of the country.

The press is absolutely opposed to the granting of relief indiscriminately to the banks that have closed. This is a very wise stand, for many a Japanese bank is essentially unsound, and, in more than one other land, would not be allowed to conduct business in the manner some of these institutions have been doing. The general belief is that the authorities will close these unsound banks for good, will compel others to affiliate with stronger and better institutions and will extend aid sufficient to get on their feet again only to such banks as have been proved to be really sound.

Ever since the financial storm broke over the country, Japan has relegated China, which enjoyed first-page prominence for quite a while, to a secondary place. Now that it is certain the Government will be able to put its emergency measures through, the public will once more feel reassured.—N. C. Daily News.